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Ice storm cripples local communities

David Dore photos

Above: NORTH BROOKFIELD — Reed Avenue resident Duane Boulette marvels at the damage in his backyard done by last week's ice storm, which ravaged his community, Spencer, Leicester and points north.
Right: SPENCER — Derek Robbins, front, examines a limb that landed on the driveway of his Northwest Road home.
Right: LEICESTER — Members of the Massachusetts Army National Guard 379th Engineers make their way down South Main Street (Route 9) Monday afternoon. They cut down trees and cleared roads in Leicester and other areas around the state.

Power is slowly restored

BY DAVID DORE
NEW LEADER STAFF WRITER

Local residents woke up Friday, Dec. 12 to find their homes without power, tree limbs strewn across their yards and streets and a thick layer of ice on pretty much everything else — the aftermath of a freezing rainstorm that dumped about 3 inches of precipitation on the area.

Among those affected was Michelle Robbins of Spencer, who noted it sounded like gunshots going off when branches fell around her Northwest Road home Thursday night.

"It was a wild night," she said. "It was just one right after another.

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Changes made to church renovation

Campaign falls short, but plans proceed

BY RYAN GRANNAN-DOLL
NEW LEADER STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish fell short of its fundraising goal to renovate the Holy Rosary Church basement, but the church still plans to perform the work.

James Pervier

Rev. James Hoey

The work is part of a project to refurbish the Church Street building in the wake of St. Mary's Church being torn down earlier this year. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Worcester paid for the demolition, as the building had literally been falling apart, with bricks flying off it.

The five-year capital campaign to raise the cash garnered $949,000, according to Parish Building and Financial Committee Chairman Paul Mina. That was $285,000 short of its $1.234 million goal. There are no plans to try to bridge the fiscal gap, according to pastor the Rev. James F. Hoey.

"The campaign was successful," Mina said, calling it "something the community should be proud of."

The shortfall caused the parish to

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David Dore photo

AN ARTFUL PERFORMANCE

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Kara Anderson's Dance Studio students Bryden Moore, left, and Miranda German, right, support Hillary Waugh, center, during their performance at North Brookfield Junior/Senior High School's "An Enchanted Evening with the Arts" Wednesday, Dec. 10. For more photos of the night's activities, please turn to Page A14.

Legislators cool to ethics proposal

Change could expand Open Meeting Law

BY ANDY LEVIN
STONEBRIDGE PRESS STAFF WRITER

State Rep. Jennifer Callahan's call for wide-ranging ethics and lobbying reform on Beacon Hill has received what could be best described as a lukewarm reception from several area lawmakers.

Jennifer Callahan

Callahan, a Sutton Democrat, has filed legislation that would set up a firewall between lobbyists and legislators, remove earmarks from the budget process, and apply the state's Open Meeting Law to House and Senate caucuses and committees. She testified before the Governor's Task Force on Public Integrity last week, spelling out the details of her plan to "bring the legislative process out of the backroom and bring it into the daylight for all to see."

Rep. Geraldo Alicea (D-Charlton) had not yet seen the Callahan bill, but said he was familiar with its general scope. While agreeing that the Legislature is due for some changes pertaining to ethics and lobbying reform, Alicea said applying the Open Meeting Law to caucuses might be going too far.

"We're just getting together and sharing some ideas in caucus," he said. "Not often do we have everyone together in an informal [session]. I understand what [Callahan] is

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SOKA seeks to spread Leicester roots

Charter school would serve students in three local towns

BY PATRICK SKAHILL
NEW LEADER STAFF WRITER

Residents got a complete rundown on charter schools last Tuesday, Dec. 9, during a public hearing regarding the Spirit of Knowledge Academy (SOKA) — a proposed charter school in Worcester aiming to open in September 2010.

If approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, SOKA would ultimately serve 585 students in Grades 6-12 from Worcester, Leicester and Oxford.

State officials will vote on the proposal in February.

SOKA's founders argue ballooning charter school waiting lists illustrate how another school is sorely needed, but local opposition isn't convinced, saying additional charter schools will draw more students away from the district and thereby reduce already tight budgets.

"The charter schools are always trying to increase, and quite frankly I think there are enough," Oxford Superintendent Ernest Boss said. "I don't think they should allow any more to start up because we are having enough diffi-

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David Dore photo

The proposed Spirit of Knowledge Academy, a charter school for students in Grades 6-12 from Worcester, Oxford and Leicester, could take children away from Leicester High School, above.

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Bracing for local aid cut

Town ends payments to Terenzini

Selectmen want plan on Water Dept. deficits

BY DAVID DORE
NEW LEADER STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — The town has stopped paying former Town Administrator Carter Terenzini the amount it would have contributed toward his health insurance if he were retired, although he has not officially retired.

That was one of the recommendations made in the town's annual audit.

When auditor Thomas J. Scanlon & Associates, based in South Deerfield, examined the town's financial records, it was discovered that Terenzini was receiving from the town $265 per month — the town's contribution to Terenzini toward his health insurance if he signed up with the Worcester County Retirement Board and drew retirement benefits. The payment is allowed under Chapter 32B of state law.

However, according to Scanlon's Sept. 26 management letter to the Board of Selectmen, auditors could not find evidence that Terenzini filed for retirement, and thus would be eligible to receive the reimbursement. That is despite Terenzini, in his Jan. 4 resignation letter, "stat[ing] his intention 'to retire from my position as Town Administrator and public service within the Commonwealth on April 3, 2008."

Terenzini, who oversaw the town of Spencer for nine years, is now town administrator in Moultonborough, N.H.

In an Oct. 16 letter to Terenzini's attorney, Robert Hennigan, town counsel Stanley Weinberg wrote the former town administrator's employment contact "specifically prohibited" that type of payment. Weinberg also wrote that Terenzini, through an amendment in his contract, "acknowledges and agrees that the Town has no obligation to pay the Administrator any sum of money in lieu of the Administrator's receipt of retiree health insurance benefits."

According to current Town Administrator Paul Guida, Hennigan sent a letter to the town Oct. 20 stating he received Weinberg's letter and would let the town know if Terenzini responds. Guida said he has not received a follow-up letter.

Town Accountant Alaine Boucher said at a selectmen's workshop meeting Monday, Dec. 15 Terenzini received the payment for five months.

If Terenzini were to file for retirement, Weinberg wrote, he would be eligible to enroll in Spencer's health insurance plan for retirees, even though he did not take the town's health insurance while serving as town administrator.

Scanlon's management letter recommended stopping the payments to Terenzini "until this matter has been rectified." According to Guida, that has been done.

WATER RATES, DEFICITS

Scanlon's audit also mentioned that while the Sewer Department had a surplus of $114,001 as of June 30, the Water Department had a deficit of $12,093.

For several years, according to the auditors, taxpayers have been paying for some of the expenses for running the Water and Sewer Departments. The Sewer Department has paid back the money it took from the town for fiscal 2008, which ended June 30.

The Water Department intends to do the same, according to Guida, from the $352,108 settlement the town received a couple of months ago from a class action lawsuit against several oil companies over their use of the chemical MTBE and contamination of wells. The Water Department's deficit for fiscal 2008 is about $166,000, while Selectman Anthony Bove Jr. said the deficit for this year is an estimated $111,000, partly because of conservation efforts by Spencer residents.

The town hired Financial Advisory Associates, Inc. to review the rates charged by the Water and Sewer Departments, while the Water Department has hired its own consultant to review its rates. The department applied for a grant from the state Department of Environmental Protection to pay for the consultant.

The Water Department, Guida said, has been operating at a deficit for three years.

He also said the Water Commission and Utilities and Facilities Superintendent Robert McNeil III have been "very aggressive" in collecting money from overdue customers and sending out shutoff notices. The department has also installed new, more accurate meters throughout the town, including in municipal buildings. In addition, Guida said, a Water Department worker has earned the certification needed so the town no longer needs an outside company to run the Old Meadow Road water plant.

Weston and Sampson, based in Danvers, was hired to run the plant after the April 2007 water emergency, when 34 gallons of lye were accidentally released into the drinking water supply for Spencer and parts of East Brookfield and sickened more than 100 people.

An administrative consent order the town and the DEP signed after the water emergency called for, among other items, improvements to the water plant's pressure reduction and instrumentation systems — which will cost more than $3 million.

Although the rate studies have not been completed, Bove said the state is recommending that towns such as Spencer raise their rates 34 percent to completely fund the operation of their water systems.

"It might very taxing and a hardship to many individuals," Guida warned.

Selectman Donald Berthiaume Jr. wondered if the $11,000 cost of the Water Department rate study would put it even deeper into debt for this year.

"They did not know they were going to be short" when the contract for the study was signed, Bove said.

According to Bove and Guida, Water Commissioners wanted to use the $185,000 left after paying off the fiscal 2008 deficit to buy a piece of land next to the town's water supply. However, they said, when the estimated $111,000 deficit for this year was discovered commissioners decided to change course and use the money to pay off the deficit for fiscal 2009.

Selectmen decided to ask the Water Commission and McNeil to attend one of their February meetings to give a report on what they are doing to address the annual deficits.

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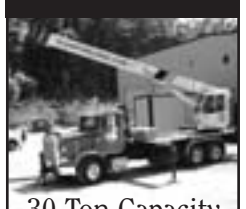
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Quotation of the Week

"It's winter. It's New England. What are you going to say?"

— Leicester resident Tina Simakauskas, reflecting on last week's ice storm.

Sunrise/Sunset

Saturday, Dec. 20	7:13 a.m.	4:19 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 21	7:13 a.m.	4:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 22	7:14 a.m.	4:20 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 23	7:14 a.m.	4:21 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 24	7:15 a.m.	4:21 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 25	7:15 a.m.	4:22 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 26	7:15 a.m.	4:23 p.m.

Real Estate Transactions

BROOKFIELD

$100, 158 Rice Corner Road, Michael P. Dubeau and Hollie S. Dubeau to Hollie S. Dubeau.
$48,000, 14 Lakeside Ave., Richard MacDonald, Marilyn Mosher and the Estate of Evelyn N. MacDonald to Lori J. Mosher.

EAST BROOKFIELD

$100, 96 Bennett Lane, Christine V. Bennett to Jeffrey F. Bennett, Harry R. Bennett and Christine V. Bennett.
$100, 189 Harrington St., Jill M. Swanson and Bethany L. Hudson to Kathy Lee Socia.

LEICESTER

$161,250, 11 Harberton Drive, Daniel A. Dudley, Dean A. Dudley and David A. Dudley to Dorothy A. Dudley.
$223,000, 20 West St., Richard A. Crowley and Jeanne E. Levasseur-Crowley to Michael R. Crowley.
$265,000, 88 Virginia Drive, Unit 13, Dileta M. McNally to Richard A. Crowley and Jeanne Levasseur-Crowley.
$55,000, 433 Main St., Litton Loan Servicing LP and Avelo Mortgage LLC to Amantino J. Lopes.
$185,000, 774 Pleasant St., Laurie J. Foy to Kim E. Wunsch and Raymond E. Lennon.
$112,500, 75 Huntoon Memorial Highway, Unit 4-12, Gail Thaler to Mary Tran.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

$100, 12 Waite Corner Road, 14 Wigwam Road, 27 King Road and 17 Smith Hanson Road, Jeffrey F. Bennett, Harry R. Bennett and Christine V. Bennett to Christine V. Bennett.
$100, 98 Bigelow St., Christine V. Bennett to Jeffrey F. Bennett and Harry R. Bennett.
$170,000, 25 King St., WM Specialty Mortgage LLC and Citi Residential Lending Inc. to Linda L. Baumann.
$3,000, 58 New Braintree Road, Nicholas C. Truax to James C. Laird and Marie Laird.
$100, 52 Bigelow St., Joseph G. Plante and Dorothy Plante to Joseph G. Plante Living Trust (Dorothy Plante, Trustee).

SPENCER

$382,500, 150 Main St., Sadie's Realty Trust (Joseph G. Beauvais and Wendy A. Beauvais, Trustees) to David P. Boutillette and Linda K. Boutillette.
$100, Charlton Road, Robert H. Moschini and Margaret E. Moschini to Royal Crest Farm One Realty Trust (Robert H. Moschini and Margaret E. Moschini, Trustees).
$100, Charlton Road, Robert H. Moschini and Margaret E. Moschini to Royal Crest Farm Two Realty Trust (Robert H. Moschini and Margaret E. Moschini, Trustees).
$100, Howe Road, Robert H. Moschini and Margaret E. Moschini to Royal Crest Farm Three Realty Trust (Robert H. Moschini and Margaret E. Moschini, Trustees).
$100, 24 Highland St., Samy K. Habib and Amira L. Hanna to Samy K. Habib.
$400,000, 8 Donnelly Road, George W. Smith and the Estate of Kenneth J. Sandstrom to Sugar Krystals LLC.
$54,900, 10 Dale St., Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. to Hardcore Development Inc.

WARREN

$213,426.51, 380 Bemis Road, Martin C. Bowers and Julie L. Bowers to Acorn Allocations LLC.
$100, 2246 Main St., Anthony J. Phillips to Pamela Dritt Trust (Pamela Dritt, Trustee).

WEST BROOKFIELD

$4,350, 217 Pierce Road, John C. Emerson III and Carrie A. Emerson to Carrie A. Emerson.

The Five Questions

"The Thinker" is among his best known sculptures. Who is he?
The Prado, a famous museum, is located in what European city?
Which is farther south: Australia, Africa or South America?
What is the longest river in England?
What is an omnivore?

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Towns asked to brace for local aid cut

'It would be devastating,' says Rep.

BY RYAN GRANNAN-DOLL
NEW LEADER STAFF WRITER

Towns could face another round of fiscal belt tightening in the coming fiscal year if a 10 percent reduction in local aid goes through as threatened.

Recent media reports that Speaker of the House Salvatore DiMasi (D-Boston) has warned communities they should brace for a 10 percent cut in local financial aid next year have local officials nervous.

"You're talking about layoffs. Town halls would close certain days, so it would affect services," said state Rep. Geraldo Alicea (D-Charlton).

State Rep. Todd M. Smola, a Palmer Republican who also represents other local communities, was furious over the idea.

"It would be devastating. I am irritated," he said. "We are spending too much money. Local aid is essentially a life blood [to towns]."

With the state's monthly revenues steadily declining, Smola said the recent outlook is only a "guessing game." Town officials have asked for updates on the situation as soon as they are available, he said.

Preparing for possible cuts, Spencer Town Administrator Paul J. Guida has asked departments to submit two budget plans for fiscal 2010: one with level services, the other with a 10 percent reduction. In a Dec. 4 memorandum to department heads, Guida asked them to include with their plans a description of what services would be lost if their budgets were reduced 10 percent.

Geraldo Alicea

Todd Smola

Cuts could be avoided, Smola said, if the state turned the budget scalpel on itself first, before asking towns to bear the fiscal burden.

"We have to stop spending money like drunken sailors," he said. "From stem to stern, get that state budget in line."

The state should trim the fat from its budget, reduce administrative costs and merge transportation agencies, Smola said. Gov. Deval Patrick has proposed eliminating the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority and merging the remaining agencies into one as a cost-cutting measure. Former Gov. Mitt Romney made a similar proposal during his tenure, according to Smola.

"Streamline our government process right now," Smola said.

Smola also believes state legislators were not forthcoming with the state's finances months ago.

"I think they knew some time ago … that local aid was definitely something that was going to be impacted," he said. "I think it might have been a little disingenuous."

Alicea struck a less worrisome tone in his remarks, but said he is against cutting local aid.

"[DiMasi] is just trying to set the tone," he said, while blaming the state's economy on the national situation.

Smola doesn't buy it.

"The national economic recession is a great scapegoat for Massachusetts," he said.

If cuts occur, Smola said, state legislators would probably suggest more increases in various state functions, including an increase in the 23.5-cents-per-gallon gas tax, another cigarette tax increase and even revisiting bringing casino gambling to the state. Those suggestions would add to major highway toll increases the state has proposed.

"That means that anything and everything is on the table," Smola said. "Somebody is going to propose everything you can possibly imagine."

The state will have to wait until it sees its capital gains tax revenue to decide what steps to take in its finances.

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BOS talks ways to cut next year's budget

People who helped during storm might be recognized

BY TERESA A. FRANCO
NEW LEADER STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — The Board of Selectmen began discussion on fiscal 2010 at Monday night's meeting, Dec. 15, and the general outlook was a gloomy one.

Town Administrator Robert Reed informed the board that because of a possible 10 percent decrease in state aid, the town is going to have to make some cuts within its budget. He said the trouble is officials don't know where the cut is going to be.

"If it's 10 percent total, we're in a whole new world of problems and we need to rethink our budget strategies," Reed said.

He ran by the board a list of ideas of how departments could save money. The board did not vote on the ideas, but members did express their opinions on them.

Reed's first suggestion was paying employees every other week, which would save the town $4,000. He said he has worked with the same system in other towns and it worked out well.

Reed's second idea was cutting stipends for all elected officials. He said the savings would be "in the neighborhood of $5,000 to $10,000" total.

Board members was fairly open to the idea, but Selectmen Chairman Douglas Belanger suggested they first ask elected officials how they would feel about the cuts.

"There may be people counting on that stipend," he said.

Another method of saving money that Reed presented to the board was cutting back on snow and ice removal. Selectman Dianna Provencher immediately objected to the idea.

"Yes, it costs for snow and ice removal, but you know they do one [heck] of a job," she said. "I don't ever get any complaints about [the Highway Department]."

Provencher added that compared to surrounding towns, the streets in Leicester are usually safer to drive on during the winter.

Reed stressed that his idea was no reflection on the Highway Department.

"They're outstanding, but the cuts have got to come," he said.

Selectman Richard Antanavica brought up the fact that reducing the amount of snow and ice removal could become a liability issue.

"We could end up with more lawsuits," he said.

Reed also suggested the schools create a fee for School Choice students and pre-payments for special education.

Belanger acknowledged deciding where to cut is tough, but explained to the board it is something that has to be done.

"The questions all come back to making decisions and none of them are going to be easy," he said.

STORM AND NEW STAFF

The severe ice storm that hit the region Thursday, Dec. 11 was also a hot topic at the meeting.

The board set some time aside to discuss ways the town can recognize the individuals who helped the community during the time of the crisis. Members expressed their thoughts on how they felt the town responded.

"I saw kids to seniors helping neighbors," Belanger said. "We always knew we had a great community, but this proves it."

The board discussed mentioning the helpful residents in a town report. The board also played with the idea of reaching out to the community through the town's Web site to get the citizens to tell personal stories of helpfulness they experienced during the storm.

In other news, Debroah Kristoff was recognized before the board as the town's new treasurer. Kristoff lives in Rutland and works as an Emergency Medical Technician. The board welcomed her to the position.

PARK BOUNDARIES

The Parks and Recreation Commission made a request for the board's aid in resolving a property line disagreement between the Town of Leicester and Raymond Shea Jr., owner of the mill in Rochdale.

A memorandum to the board from the Parks and Recreation Committee stated that in a survey that was taken in 2002 for upgrades to Rochdale Park, the blueprints display a property line encompassing a dock in the water located behind the mill. The question the commission is asking to be verified is who the actual owner is of that property. It was decided that Reed would look more in depth into the situation.

Board members also said they would like to wish everyone in the community a happy holiday.

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Hill's Walk America reaches Maryland

BJ Hill, the Leicester native who is walking across America to collect messages for the next president of the United States, has reached Havre de Grace, Md., the duck decoy capital of the world.

"I had a special afternoon on the walk last week," wrote Hill in a recent e-mail. "As I was coming through Washington, D.C., the staff of Senator John Kerry's office had arranged for me to take a tour of the Capitol Building. It was a serendipitous experience, to be able to include in my walk across America, a walk from our Senate Chambers, through the Capitol Rotunda, to our House of Representatives."

Since leaving San Francisco on March 1, Hill has walked 3,770 miles and has collected two books of messages, such as this missive from a man from Baltimore, Md., displaying a NRA license plate on his pickup: "Dear President Obama, I was a McCain/Palin supporter, but I wish you nothing but the best, because I want this country to get back on its feet. I have baby boy who's 18 months, and I want his future of the country to be better than today."

More information can be found on Hill's Web site, www.walkamerica2008.com.

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Public Meetings

Note: Public meetings are subject to change. Check with local Town Halls to see if a meeting will still be held.

BROOKFIELD
Tuesday, Dec. 23
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall

EAST BROOKFIELD
Monday, Dec. 22
Board of Assessors, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Town Complex

Wednesday, Dec. 24
Council on Aging, 3:30 p.m., Memorial Town Complex

LEICESTER
Monday, Dec. 22
Personnel Board, 7 p.m., Meeting Room 2, Town Hall
School Committee, 7 p.m., Leicester High School

NORTH BROOKFIELD
Tuesday, Dec. 23
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Senior Center
Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., 215 North Main St.

SPENCER
Monday, Dec. 22
Board of Assessors, 6 p.m., Memorial Town Hall
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Memorial Town Hall
Charitable Needs Commission, 7 p.m., Memorial Town Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 23
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Memorial Town Hall

Wednesday, Dec. 24
Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Memorial Town Hall

WEST BROOKFIELD
Monday, Dec. 22
Planning Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Quaboag Regional School Committee, 7 p.m., Quaboag Regional Middle/High School

Tuesday, Dec. 23
Board of Registrars, 10 a.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Dec. 24
Board of Assessors, 9 a.m., Town Hall

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District hopes for state help to fix DPHS

Economic downtown scrubs British Exchange Program

BY PATRICK SKAHILL
NEW LEADER STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD — Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District administrators once again submitted a statement of interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) in hopes of tapping into a state-sponsored capital pipeline for structural improvements at needy schools.

If approved by the state, the statement of interest would bring an unspecified amount of cash to the district for use at David Prouty High School, which is in its 42nd year of operation.

Superintendent Ralph Hicks outlined the statement of interest to School Committee members Tuesday, Dec. 9, saying the application was filed Friday, Nov. 14, one day ahead of the MSBA's deadline.

If approved, the money could only be used to fund construction projects, additions or renovations — it could not go toward academic support.

Getting the statement of interest approved could present a challenge, Hicks cautioned, noting money is only allocated to the neediest of Massachusetts' public schools and that sales tax revenues — which support MSBA expenditures — are expected to decline.

Regardless, the superintendent said the district needed to continue to try — or it would be struck from the priority list completely.

"The only way [this construction] can happen is if we get assistance from a higher form of government," Hicks said. "We may not move ahead for now, but if we hadn't [submitted the statement of interest], we would have been totally out of the running. This allows us to stay in the game."

Improvements specified in the statement of interest included the need for more energy-efficient windows at the school, a more refined and efficient heating, ventilation and air conditioning system and better wiring, which would allow the school to support installing more computers, Hicks said.

While the superintendent repeatedly cautioned that state funds might be difficult to get, he did express optimism that the political changes occurring nationally could filter down to the local level in the form of more school aid.

"There's been some talk about a national public works program," Hicks said. "So it's very possible the new Congress and the new president will come up with a way to assist local communities in building or renovating public school buildings … if that happens, then [these improvements] could be sooner rather than later."

Last year, the MSBA received 423 statements of interest from 162 different school districts. Only 83 were chosen to move forward with feasibility studies.

The MSBA anticipates spending roughly $2.5 billion on projects during their five-year capital expenditures window. As of yet, however, no funding has been committed and no projects have been formally approved.

The Spencer-East Brookfield School District will hear back about the status of its statement of interest in the coming months.

AIDES AND BRITISH EXCHANGE

Also at their meeting last week, held at East Brookfield Elementary School, School Committee members voted to unanimously hire two new special education aides for the district — despite some debate about whether the district could foot the bill in the upcoming year.

"I just don't feel we can afford it," School Committee member Charles Fahey said, reflecting on how the rumored 5 percent to 10 percent cut in local aid for the upcoming fiscal year could mean layoffs for these new hires next year. "It's the old routine, last in is first out … but we do need these [aides]."

School Committee Chairman A. Marie McDevitt agreed, saying she would "reluctantly support" the measure.

Hicks said the budget currently has enough money to cover both the new hires' salaries and benefits.

While the school department is feeling the pinch from a personnel standpoint, Hicks also explained to committee members last week how the economic downturn is extending its influence to less likely areas — including the British Exchange Student Program, a more than 30-year tradition at David Prouty.

Hicks said the program, which typically enlists about a dozen students, was only able to sign up five students this year.

File photo

Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District officials are hoping to get state money to make improvements to the 42-year-old David Prouty High School.

This number was too low to offset the expenditures and thus the program was cancelled, Hicks explained.

"We are sincerely hoping that this is just a bump in the road and that next year we will receive British students at our schools and we will send students to England," he said.

Interestingly enough, Hicks added, David Prouty's sister school in England has also been forced to cut the program because of budget constraints. The British school will also not be sending any of its students to Spain, as it had done in years past.

"This [economic downturn] really is global," Hicks said.

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License renewal rules to get tougher next year

Spending freeze lifted for EMS equipment, town census

BY DAVID DORE
NEW LEADER STAFF WRITER

BROOKFIELD — Businesses that have to renew their licenses annually will face more paperwork starting next year.

The Board of Selectmen voted Tuesday, Dec. 9 to require approval from the town's zoning enforcement officer, Board of Health and Police Department before renewals for licenses to sell cars will be issued. The new rules will apply for renewals issued late next year for 2010.

The rule change was made after Selectman Rudy Heller said a used car lot in town seeking a renewal had many zoning violations that have not been resolved. That surprised the other selectmen, who were not aware of the situation. Selectman Ronald Dackson said a list of violations should have been provided to the board last week, since Heller could not recall what the violations were and Zoning Enforcement Officer Gary Simeone did not attend the meeting.

The vote on the license failed, with Dackson (noting the town should help, not hinder, local businesses) voting to issue the renewal, Heller voting against it and Chairman James Allen abstaining, noting he was related to the person applying for the renewal. The topic will again be discussed at the Dec. 23 selectmen's meeting, the final session of 2008.

LIFTING THE FREEZE

Although selectmen recently announced a spending freeze for all town departments, with any expenditures over $250 requiring their approval, they allowed three big-ticket items to proceed. One of them is mandated by state law, while the other two will be bought without using town money.

In a letter to the board, Brookfield Emergency Medical Service Director Donna Lafleur asked for permission to buy a Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) machine for use on patients who are having trouble breathing because of sleep apnea, asthma or other causes and a carbon monoxide detector to determine if someone has breathed in the dangerous gas during a fire or from a malfunctioning furnace.

The ambulance service, Lafleur wrote, is joining with other services to buy the items, and would use donations and other funds to pay for them.

Selectmen voted 3-0 to approve the purchase of what Dackson called "these life-saving pieces of equipment."

They also voted unanimously to allow Town Clerk Linda Lincoln to hire Methuen-based LHS Associates to handle the annual town census. Using an outside firm, instead of doing it in-house, would save the town money, Lincoln said. Information on how much the town would save was not available before press time.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

Also at last week's meeting, selectmen agreed to:

• Allow the Highway Department to fix drainage issues on Lane 21. Although it is not owned by the town, Allen said, it is used by nine Brookfield families who live along South Pond, and sometimes by the police and fire departments for access.

"This road is in bad shape," Allen said. The Highway Department could fix the road for about $1,000, he said, nearly 80 percent less than a private contractor would charge. A couple of Lane 21 residents have agreed to pay for the repairs.

"We shouldn't be competing with private people to do work like that," Allen said, adding later, "I'm certainly empathetic. I think the road should be paved ... It is an emergency situation."

• Change the company that supplies electricity to town-owned buildings from Constellation Energy to Hampshire Energy, the energy program of the nonprofit Hampshire Council of Governments. Instead of paying 9-10 cents per kilowatt-hour, as Constellation Energy requested in its latest contract proposal, Hampshire Energy will charge the going rate plus a surcharge of 2.2 cents per kilowatt-hour.

"We'll get the best rate, considering, if we go with them," Allen said.

There would be no change in the company that carries the electricity into town; that, just like for Brookfield residents, would still be National Grid.

• Send a letter to Tantasqua Regional High School to congratulate its football team (which includes Brookfield residents as players and members of the coaching staff) on completing its first perfect season in history and winning the Central/Western Massachusetts Division 2 Super Bowl earlier this month.

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Courtesy photo

Corey Arnold, second from left, on crutches, oversees the work being done to his house by Rich Vanderburgh, up high, Ray Olson, right, and others.

Summer of Service gives back to one of its own

EAST BROOKFIELD — Corey Arnold, who volunteered his time for the Summer of Service program at East Brookfield Baptist Church in July, recently had that kindness returned. In October, Arnold was helping at the church and broke his foot. He had been renovating his house, but now could not get up on the roof to finish the project. About 15 people from the church and volunteers from Summer of Service worked on his home Saturday, Nov. 1. Ladies from the church provided lunch.

"It was inspiring to see so many people giving up time to help," said church member Denise Farmosa. "As a recipient of SOS, it was gratifying to 'pay it forward' and help someone else."

"Sometimes being in the background is just as much fun as being on the frontline," said Sandy Staney, helping to provide the lunch. "The women were asked to provide lunch for the crew. On the day of the project, some women dropped off food, some prepared sandwiches, some baked goodies, while others delivered the meal. It was a lot of fun. Everyone was more than happy to help."

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Holiday recipes from kitchens past and present

TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

Holiday time is steeped in tradition, and many annual rituals trace their beginnings to the family table. Since food and tradition set the tone for the holidays, it's no surprise "tried and true" recipes are often passed on to earn an honored place on the yuletide table of both friends and strangers. It is with this in mind that the following holiday recipes, favored by historic figures and celebrities both past and present, are offered.

MARTHA WASHINGTON'S FRUIT CAKE

Martha Washington was reportedly given this recipe by her mother on her wedding day. It was said to be an annual holiday favorite. Ingredients: 2 cups butter; 4 cups flour; 3 cups sugar; 3 tsp. baking powder; 5 egg whites, beaten; 1/2 tsp. cinnamon; 5 egg yolks, beaten; 1/4 tsp. nutmeg; 1 cup milk; 2 cups raisins, floured; handful of citron, chopped and floured; 2 cups hickory nuts, chopped. Directions: Cream butter and sugar in large wooden mixing bowl. Lightly stir in beaten egg whites. Then stir in beaten egg yolks. Add milk and blend mixture well; in a separate bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, cinnamon and nutmeg. Stir this into mixture in first bowl. After all ingredients are blended, stir in chopped citron and chopped hickory nuts. Line loaf pans with well-buttered paper. Pour batter into pans. Bake at 275 degrees for at least two hours.

BEN FRANKLIN'S FAVORITE HONEY CHRISTMAS COOKIES

These spicy cookies were served up each year for the famous statesman/inventor. Ingredients: 2/3 cup butter; 5 cups flour; 1/2 cup sugar; 1 tsp. baking soda; 1 cup honey; 1/2 tsp. cinnamon; 1 egg, beaten; 1/2 tsp. nutmeg; 1/2 cup sour cream; 1/2 tsp. cloves; 1/2 tsp. salt. Directions: Using a fork, cream butter and sugar together in a wooden mixing bowl. Add honey and blend thoroughly. Stir in beaten egg along with sour cream. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and salt. Combine this mixture with ingredients in first bowl and set aside to chill. When cold, turn onto floured board. Roll out to about 1/4 inch thick. Cut into 2- to 3-inch rounds with a floured cookie cutter or upside down drinking glass. Lightly grease baking sheets. Place cookie rounds on sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes. Makes about four dozen cookies.

ARETHA FRANKLIN'S HOLIDAY HAM

The Queen of Soul makes this dish the centerpiece of the holiday feast.

Ingredients: 1 (12- to 14-pound) fully cooked, bone-in ham; cloves; 1 (16-ounce) box light brown sugar; 3 tbsp. French's mustard; 1 (8-ounce) jar maraschino cherries, drained; 1 (12-ounce) ginger ale (preferably Vernor's); 1 (20-ounce) can pineapple rings; Baker's coconut for garnish (optional).

Directions: Heat oven to 350 degrees. Using a paring knife, score the ham, creating a diamond pattern. Insert cloves into the corners of each diamond. Place the ham on a rack set in a 12-inch-by-15-inch roasting pan. Cover loosely with foil, and bake until ham appears juicy, about 30 minutes. Place brown sugar and mustard in a medium bowl, and stir to combine. Gradually add ginger ale to brown sugar mixture until a pourable consistency is achieved; you may not need the whole can. Remove ham from oven and remove foil. Pour brown sugar mixture over ham, and, using a pastry brush, coat the sides. Cover ham with foil, return to oven, and cook for one hour, basting every 20 minutes. Remove foil for last 20 minutes. Serves 12.

ALFRED HITCHCOCK'S QUICHE LORRAINE

An ideal holiday "brunch" dish, this recipe was favored by the famous "master of suspense."

Pastry Ingredients: 2 cups pastry flour; 1/2 cup butter; 1 egg yolk; salt; 1/4 cup cold water. Filling Ingredients: 3 slices cooked diced ham; 2 onions, sliced; 4 eggs; 1 dash of cayenne pepper; light grating of nutmeg; 2 cups hot milk.

Directions: Pastry: Work lightly together the pastry flour, butter, egg yolk, a pinch of salt and cold water. Chill the dough for one hour, or until needed. Roll out half the dough to line the pie pan. Prick randomly with the point of knife and crimp the edge with the tines of a fork. Save remaining pastry for another pie. Filling: Scatter diced ham on the crust. Sauté sliced onions in butter until they are soft, but not brown; spread over ham.

In a saucepan, beat four eggs with a good pinch of salt, cayenne and nutmeg. Gradually add hot milk, beating continually with a wire whisk. Continue to beat the mixture over a low fire until the custard begins to thicken. Pour it into the tart shell and bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes, or until custard is set and the top is golden. Serve hot. Makes eight servings.

ANGELA LANSBURY'S WALNUT DATE BREAD

This dish makes an annual appearance on the "Murder She Wrote" star's table.

Ingredients: 2 tbsp. unsalted butter; 1 tsp. baking soda; 1 scant cup boiling water; 1 cup chopped pitted dates; 2/3 cup walnut pieces; 1 cup granulated sugar; 1 egg yolk; 1 3/4 cups unbleached all-purpose flour; 2 tsp. vanilla extract; strawberry cream cheese (optional).

Directions: Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Generously oil a 9-inch-by-5-inch loaf pan and dust with flour. Place butter, baking soda, boiling water and dates into a heatproof mixing bowl. Let cool. Mix in walnuts, sugar, egg yolk, flour and vanilla extract. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake for one hour. Cool for 10 minutes and remove from pan onto rack to cool. Slice and serve with strawberry cream cheese and freshly brewed tea.

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Be prepared to live the life you want to live

YOUR MONEY MATTERS

ANNE O'BRIEN

When financial planners talk about the importance of "envisioning" one's retirement, most people think of the fun stuff they want to do — travel, tennis or golf, moving to a vacation spot, visiting grandchildren and friends, gardening, reading, doing volunteer work or even taking on part-time paid work they've always wanted to do.

But what happens to this vision when we grow older in retirement and become less independent? What happens when travel becomes more difficult or impossible? When our hearing or our knees weaken? When we forget to take medications or pay bills? When we can no longer garden or play golf or clean the house?

This is not fun stuff to think about. Most of us don't want to admit to ourselves or to those around us that we can no longer do some of the things we've always done for ourselves. We don't want to narrow our life by giving up driving or traveling.

Unfortunately, most people wait until they're compelled to make changes or a friend or family member intervenes. But waiting until the last moment often causes emotional stress for everyone and it can have significant financial consequences because some options may be lost because of the delay.

That's why "envisioning" this stage of your life is as important as planning for the joyous things we want to do during retirement. It may not be something you want to do, but it makes sense sooner rather than later to assess and prepare for the inevitable changes that will happen in your life.

You can do your own assessment by first listing the activities that enrich your current or planned retired life and what physical and mental skills you require to carry out those activities. Do you travel a lot or go to cultural events? If so, do you drive or depend primarily on public transportation? Do you exercise or play sports such as tennis or golf? Do you spend a lot of time on the phone or in front of your computer sending e-mails to friends and family? Do you prepare most of your meals or eat out?

As we physically and sometimes mentally decline, we will likely lose some of the skills required to do these activities. These declining skills won't necessarily force us into assisted living or a nursing home, but they will restrict us. If our eyesight or our health falters, for example, driving ourselves to the shopping mall or 500 miles to visit with family may become impossible.

Of course, eventually we may not be able to carry out one or more of the classic six activities of daily living that are used to gauge whether someone should hire professional help or move into assisted living or a nursing home. These are dressing, bathing, eating, moving from one place to another, toileting and staying continent. Or we may suffer from cognitive impairment such as Alzheimer's disease.

By thinking through these possibilities, you can make contingency plans. Take your living circumstances, for example. Say you currently live in a two-story home with your bedroom upstairs and the laundry room in the basement. What happens if climbing the stairs becomes difficult or impossible? Will you put in an automated chair lift? Or would you prefer to move to a single-story home? If you live miles from the nearest town, would you consider moving to a city where you're closer to medical assistance or family? Is a retirement community or an apartment in a continuing care community an option for you where you can progress into assisted living or a nursing home should that need arise? What will be the financial impact of these options?

Advance preparation and thought helps us better recognize detrimental physical and mental changes as they occur and thus give us more time to make arrangements. How severe should a problem become before triggering a planned change in circumstances? For example, should you move from that two-story home before a problem actually surfaces, move at the first inkling of an issue or wait until you no longer have a choice?

Discussing these activities, potential physical triggers and options for change with your partner, your children or other close family members or friends well before problems might arise is not just smart planning, it is also an opportunity for you to be in more control of your future. It will help you to be better prepared to live the life you want to live and it will help your loved ones to better know your wishes and to provide you with the support you want when the need arises.

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School Menus

Spencer-East Brookfield junior, senior high schools

Monday, Dec. 22: Quarter pounder (with or without cheese), macaroni salad, pickles, carrots, milk. Alternates: tuna grinder, peanut butter and jelly sandwich.
Tuesday, Dec. 23: Spaghetti with meat sauce, fresh baked roll, steamed broccoli, fruit, milk. Alternates: tuna grinder, peanut butter and jelly sandwich.
Wednesday, Dec. 24: No lunch served — Christmas Eve.
Thursday, Dec. 25: No school — Christmas Day.
Friday, Dec. 26: No school — Christmas recess.

Wire Village, EB Elementary schools

Monday, Dec. 22: Pancakes with syrup, scrambled eggs, fruit, juice, milk. Alternate: assorted cereal.
Tuesday, Dec. 23: Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, buttered noodles, holiday cookie, fruit, milk. Alternate: peanut butter and jelly sandwich.
Wednesday, Dec. 24: No lunch served — Christmas Eve.
Thursday, Dec. 25: No school — Christmas Day.
Friday, Dec. 26: No school — Christmas recess.

Lake Street, Maple Street schools

Monday, Dec. 22: Chicken nuggets, white rice, carrots, pudding, fruit, milk. Alternate: peanut butter and jelly sandwich.
Tuesday, Dec. 23: Deli turkey grinder, holiday cookie, apple, veggie sticks, milk. Alternate: peanut butter and jelly sandwich.
Wednesday, Dec. 24: No lunch served — Christmas Eve.
Thursday, Dec. 25: No school — Christmas Day.
Friday, Dec. 26: No school — Christmas recess.

Leicester High School

Monday, Dec. 22: Popcorn chicken, mashed potato, glazed carrots, wheat roll, pudding and cream, milk.
Tuesday, Dec. 23: Hot dog, hamburger or veggie burger in a roll, French fries, baked beans, assorted fruit and desserts, milk.
Wednesday, Dec. 24: No lunch served — Christmas Eve.
Thursday, Dec. 25: No school — Christmas Day.
Friday, Dec. 26: No school — Christmas recess.

Leicester Middle School

Monday, Dec. 22: Popcorn chicken, mashed potato, glazed carrots, wheat roll, pudding and cream, milk.
Tuesday, Dec. 23: Hot dog or hamburger in a roll, French fries, baked beans, assorted fruit and desserts, milk.
Wednesday, Dec. 24: No lunch served — Christmas Eve.
Thursday, Dec. 25: No school — Christmas Day.
Friday, Dec. 26: No school — Christmas recess.

Leicester Memorial

Monday, Dec. 22: Popcorn chicken, mashed potato, green beans, wheat roll, pudding and cream, milk. Alternate: grilled cheese.
Tuesday, Dec. 23: Hamburger or cheeseburger on a bun, French fries, pickles, assorted fruit and desserts, milk. Alternate: bagel and cheese.
Wednesday, Dec. 24: No lunch served — Christmas Eve.
Thursday, Dec. 25: No school — Christmas Day.
Friday, Dec. 26: No school — Christmas recess.

Leicester Primary School

Monday, Dec. 22: Popcorn chicken, mashed potato, green beans, wheat roll, pudding and cream, milk.
Tuesday, Dec. 23: Hamburger in a bun, French fries, pickles, assorted fruit and desserts, milk.
Wednesday, Dec. 24: No lunch served — Christmas Eve.
Thursday, Dec. 25: No school — Christmas Day.
Friday, Dec. 26: No school — Christmas recess.
Alternate: tuna roll.

Quaboag Regional Middle/High School

BREAKFAST
Monday, Dec. 22: Choice of breakfast cereal or scrambled eggs and wheat toast with butter, fruit or 100 percent fruit juice, milk.
Tuesday, Dec. 23: Mrs. Butterworth's whole grain cinnamon French toast sticks with maple flavored syrup, fruit or 100 percent fruit juice, milk.
Wednesday, Dec. 24: No lunch served — Christmas Eve.
Thursday, Dec. 25: No school — Christmas Day.
Friday, Dec. 26: No school — Christmas recess.
LUNCH
Monday, Dec. 22: Mozzarella cheese sticks with marinara sauce, side salad with dressing, garlic breadstick, fruit or chicken Parmesan on a roll, seasoned corn, chilled pears. Vegetarian option: veggie lentil chili.
Tuesday, Dec. 23: Lunch buffet — chef's choice.
Wednesday, Dec. 24: No lunch served — Christmas Eve.
Thursday, Dec. 25: No school — Christmas Day.
Friday, Dec. 26: No school — Christmas recess.

Warren/West Brookfield elementary schools

Monday, Dec. 22: Holiday buffet — chef's choice.
Tuesday, Dec. 23: Tomato soup with crackers, crazy cheesy bread, seasoned vegetables, assorted fruit desserts.
Wednesday, Dec. 24: No lunch served — Christmas Eve.
Thursday, Dec. 25: No school — Christmas Day.
Friday, Dec. 26: No school — Christmas recess.
Alternate: peanut butter and jelly sandwich on wheat.

Tantasqua Regional junior, senior high schools

Monday, Dec. 22: Sausage, egg and cheese on a bagel, smile fries, peaches, juice, milk. Alternate: nuggets, brown rice, whole wheat breadstick.
Tuesday, Dec. 23: Turkey club with bacon, lettuce and tomato, oven fries, broccoli, chocolate cream pie, fruit, juice, milk. Alternate: pizza and salad.
Wednesday, Dec. 24: No lunch served — Christmas Eve.
Thursday, Dec. 25: No school — Christmas Day.
Friday, Dec. 26: No school — Christmas recess.

Brookfield Elementary

Monday, Dec. 22: Macaroni and cheese, seasoned veggies, garlic bread, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, Dec. 23: French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots, applesauce, milk. Alternate: chef's salad.
Wednesday, Dec. 24: No lunch served — Christmas Eve.
Thursday, Dec. 25: No school — Christmas Day.
Friday, Dec. 26: No school — Christmas recess.

North Brookfield High School

Monday, Dec. 22: Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, pasta with herbs, cup of pears, milk. Alternates: triple-decker PBJ, Grab & Go salads.
Tuesday, Dec. 23: Nachos with cheese, meat topping, salsa, cinnamon sticks, milk. Alternates: triple-decker PBJ, Grab & Go salads.
Wednesday, Dec. 24: No lunch served — Christmas Eve.
Thursday, Dec. 25: No school — Christmas Day.
Friday, Dec. 26: No school — Christmas recess.

North Brookfield Elementary School

Monday, Dec. 22: French toast, maple syrup, sausage patty, cinnamon sticks, raisins in a box, milk. Alternate: Grab & Go Goldfish lunch.
Tuesday, Dec. 23: Cheeseburger on a roll, pickles, bag of potato chips, cup of fruit, milk. Alternate: Grab & Go cereal lunch.
Wednesday, Dec. 24: No lunch served — Christmas Eve.
Thursday, Dec. 25: No school — Christmas Day.
Friday, Dec. 26: No school — Christmas recess.

Bay Path Regional Voke-Tech High

Monday, Dec. 22: Nachos and beef (salsa sauce, sour cream), creamy coleslaw, fruit, dessert.
Tuesday, Dec. 23: Chicken Parmesan with sauce, buttered noodles, green beans, roll and butter, fruit, dessert.
Wednesday, Dec. 24: No lunch served — Christmas Eve.
Thursday, Dec. 25: No school — Christmas Day.
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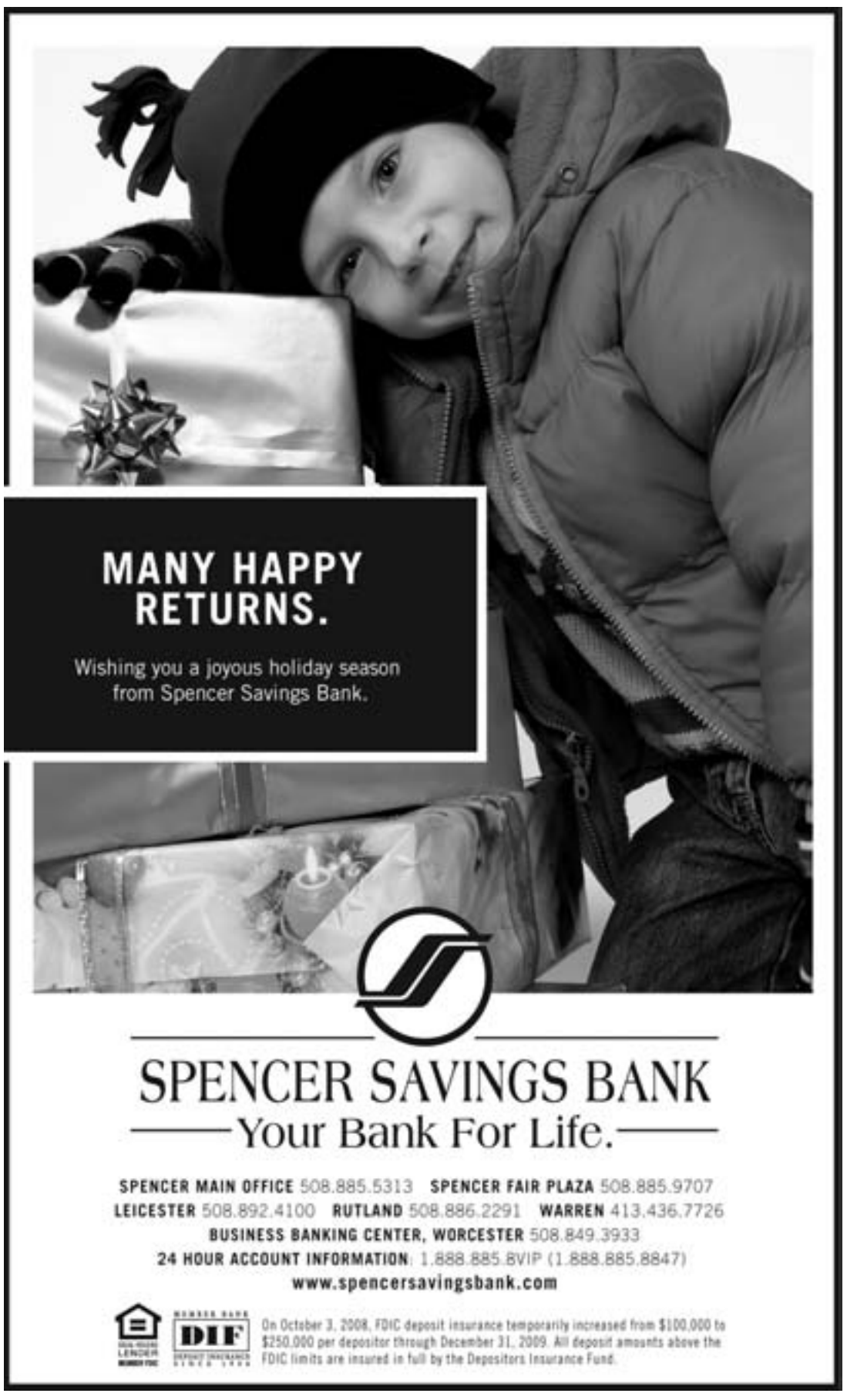
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Weekly Crossword

Singing Barber

By Ed Canty

Across

1. Big party
5. Writer Bret
10. Lincoln and Vigoda
14. OPEC member
15. To the left, at sea
16. *Beginning of song title
17. Boxing locale
18. Bacall's love
19. Nick and Nora's dog
20. Cottage locales, perhaps
22. Arena surprise
23. *Song title continued
24. *Song title continued
26. Got credit at the bar
30. Sounds from a librarian
31. Mil. address
32. Someone who snitches
38. *Song title continued
41. Grassy area
42. Violinist's need
43. Newspaper opinions
46. Pod opening
47. JFK guess
48. Mean way to go
51. *Song title concluded
56. CPA's retirement suggestion
57. Syrian leader
58. Singer who sang this puzzle's song
63. Perfectly
64. Yes or no follower
65. Comprehend
66. Author Wiesel
67. Part of an act
68. And others: Abbr.
69. Sun. talks
70. Helpers: Abbr.
71. Preschoolers

Down

1. "You go, ____!"
2. Diva's delivery
3. Thin
4. Frank McCourt's mom
5. ___ For Humanity
6. Like two peas in ___
7. Thesaurus compiler
8. Pat to her friends
9. Nice summer
10. Meets, as changing conditions
11. ___ nova
12. Computer key
13. RBI and ERA
21. Match part
22. Theater employee
25. Subj. for immigrants
26. Road ___
27. Mimicked
28. Reply to the Little Red Hen
29. Indonesian island
33. Mad Hatter's drink
34. Lofty
35. Concerning
36. Old Italian bread
37. Home of Phillips Univ.
39. Repeats
40. Well-known
44. Beam of light
45. Fancy parties
49. Like some humor
50. Serving need
51. New York County
52. "___ Mio"
53. Old carrier name
54. Long stories
55. Dries up
59. '90s Broadway musical
60. "I'm ___ your tricks!"
61. Water under the bridge
62. Lofty barn residents
64. F.I.C.A. funds it

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AROUND THE REGION

Community rallies around local artist in need

BY CHRISTOPHER TANGUAY
STONEBRIDGE PRESS STAFF WRITER

BRIMFIELD — Brimfield artist Ryan Jacque passionately loves the outdoors.

This is clearly evident in his pencil renderings of animal and plant life.

While hunting on Nov. 1, Jacque fell from a tree, suffering severe trauma, particularly to his head and right leg.

Now recovering at the Spaulding Rehab Hospital in Boston following a medically induced coma, Jacque, still wearing a neck collar, has yet to speak, and is just now, after a month, beginning to respond to people.

According to a Web site maintained by Jacque's family, www.ryanjacque.com, "His right leg will take a minimum of three months before it will accept any weight."

With an arduous journey ahead of him and his family, wife Tonia and daughters Maddy and Corin, Jacque's medical bills are growing by the day.

In the wake of the accident, Jacque's hometown, and those surrounding, immediately took up the family's cause, doing what they can to help this true outdoorsman and his loved ones.

Anna M. Ozolins, also a local artist, and neighbor of the Jacque family, featured an exhibit titled "Wildlife and Portraits in Pencil," eight works by Jacque, in a recent two-day Artists Open Studio trail on Dec. 6-7.

"A lot of people came here just to look at his work," Ozolins said of the show that featured nearly 20 artists.

Jacque's pieces, meticulously crafted pencil renderings of waterfowl and other native animals, as well as a drawn portrait of his niece, are still on display in Ozolins' studio on Cubes Drive. All of the pieces, with the exception of the portrait, are available for purchase with the proceeds going directly to the Ryan D. Jacque Benefit Fund.

"His work is phenomenal," she added.

Anyone interested in viewing and/or purchasing one of Jacque's pieces can contact Ozolins at (413) 245-0947.

In Sturbridge, at the Simple Indulgence Day Spa, 598 Main St., where Jacque's wife, Tonia, is a manager, people are stepping up to help their coworker and friend.

"Personally, we're all very good friends of Ryan's," said owner Laurie Manchester, who is sympathetic to the amount of time each of the Jacques are out of work due to Ryan's medical regimen.

On Sunday, Dec. 14, Simple Indulgence offered complimentary spa services for suggested donations to benefit the Ryan D. Jacque Fund.

"We wanted to do something more for the family," Manchester said. "We're just trying to raise money to help with their fund and the medical expenses."

The event also featured music and refreshments, as well as an appearance by Carl Beane, "The voice of Fenway Park."

"My entire staff has donated their time for that day," Manchester said last week. "And the community has been great."

The Pioneer Brewing Company on Arnold Road in Sturbridge has offered their assistance to the Jacque family by sponsoring them this holiday season.

Jacque, a member of the brewery's Stein Club, will be honored at Pioneer's annual Stein Club Holiday Party on Dec. 22 by presenting his family with gifts and funds collected at the brewery.

"As you can imagine, there is a long road to recovery ahead for Ryan and his family," the Web site reads. "The continued overwhelming support, well wishes and love from all of you has made and will continue to make this slow recovery much easier for his family."

Contributions to the Ryan D. Jacque Benefit Fund can be made at any Country Bank for Savings location, or through the Web site.

Christopher Tanguay may be reached at (508) 909-4132, or by e-mail at ctanguay@stonebridgepress.com.

Christopher Tanguay photo

Wildlife and Portraits in Pencil, an exhibit of Ryan Jacque's work is currently on display at Anna M. Ozolins' art gallery, and was on display at Simple Indulgence Day Spa for a fundraiser earlier this week.

Courtesy photo

MAKING MUSIC ON THE HILL

BOSTON — Sen. Stephen M. Brewer (D-Barre) and Reps. Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Todd M. Smola (R-Palmer) recently hosted the Tantasqua Choraleers and Concert Chorus at the Massachusetts State House for their annual holiday concert. The attached photo was taken during their visit on Dec. 5. The front row, left to right, features Smola, Gobi, Director of Fine Arts for Tantasqua Regional High School Christine Costello and Brewer.

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Bill has also played an active role in community and professional circles, having served on the Boards of the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation and the North Brookfield Youth Center, as past president of the Rotary Club of the Brookfields, and through involvement with numerous educational, charitable, and town committees over the years.

It is with heartfelt affection and deep respect that we wish Bill great happiness and success in his well-deserved retirement.

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VIEWPOINT

Opinion and commentary from Spencer, Leicester and the Brookfields

Editorial

After the storm

Mother Nature's awesome power was certainly on display late last week, as local residents woke up to what looked like a combination of a tornado and a winter wonderland.

The ice storm that brought several inches of rain (much of it freezing rain) to the region last Thursday night into Friday morning did more than coat everything in sight with a thick, yet beautiful, glaze. It also brought down limbs — and, in some cases, entire trees — and power lines, made roads impassable and closed schools.

Power crews, tree companies and highway departments had a tough job ahead of them to repair all of the damage. And, although it took a few days for some people to have their power restored, it certainly was not for lack of trying. National Grid was able to mobilize crews from as far away as Michigan and North Carolina to help. And, considering there were 4,000 incidents across southern and central New England that required their attention (from broken poles to fallen wires), the fact that National Grid expected power to be restored to everyone by Tuesday is nothing short of a miracle.

The storm, for all of its inconveniences, also brought out the best in everyone. Many people, whether they owned a chainsaw or not, were more than willing to help their neighbors chop up and move branches and limbs, or just provide a sympathetic ear to hear their stories. And there were plenty of stories to share, from the North Brookfield residents who had power line parts catch fire on their front lawn to the Leicester woman whose daughter witnessed a branch poke through the ceiling of her bedroom.

Kudos also go out to the police and fire dispatchers who fielded literally thousands of calls on every conceivable topic, and often during extended shifts and with very little sleep, the municipal workers who worked long hours to clear the streets and preserve law and order, and the talk show hosts on local radio stations who stayed past quitting time to provide important information such as the locations of emergency shelters and how to prevent pipes from freezing.

And, although it caused so much damage through Spencer, Leicester and the Brookfields, the ice certainly brought an unusual beauty to the region. It was pretty to look at on the trees and electrical wires, especially after the sun came out around noontime on Friday. Once that happened, though, anyone out walking had to keep an eye on the falling pieces of ice that created piles a couple of inches deep in spots.

No matter if you lost power or not, or whether your vehicle or house was damaged, the Ice Storm of 2008 will be one for the record books — and one that will live on in local lore for decades to come.

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Letters to the Editor

Christmas on a Common is a very special gift

To the Editor:

The North Brookfield Playground Committee and the North Brookfield High School Student Council would like to offer a very special Christmas present to all of you and your friends and families.

On Saturday, Dec. 20 from noon to 3 p.m., we will be holding our 3rd annual Christmas on the Common. It will be held on the North Brookfield Common on Grove Street. In case of nasty weather it will be held in the North Brookfield Elementary School.

There will be free hot chocolate and hot dogs. I did not realize that hot dogs and hot chocolate were such a holiday delicacy, until last year when we gave out more than 300 hot dogs and 50 gallons of hot chocolate.

There will be free raffle prizes, and I do mean free. Each kid is given three coupons to put with any of the gifts that we have to give away. Last year we were able to give away six bikes, four baseball gloves and four basketballs, as well as other gifts appropriate for kids up to 12 years old. On top of, that each kid will get a stocking full of candy and prizes.

We will have ice skating if the weather cooperates, and the STUCO will provide games and entertainment for all who attend.

And last, but not least, a special visit from Santa Claus, and a chance to have your picture taken with Santa. This is not limited to the kids, as we have had some very interesting pictures in the past.

I mentioned earlier that this was a present to you. Let me explain. I see three separate gifts that you can receive at this community event.

1. You get to see the young kids and what a visit from Santa can do to them. I stand there and just watch in awe as Santa talks to each and every kid.

2. You get to see our teenagers interact with the little ones. It is just amazing to watch at how theses teenage role models interact with the little ones.

3. As adults, we get to interact with each other no matter what our religious affiliation, or political views. It is amazing how little kids can put our hard line views aside for a few hours.

And if this affects you like it does me, you can blame the emotional sniffles on the cold weather.

I have been involved with the youth of the town for more than 35 years. During that time, I have coached championship teams and organized many events in town, but I have had no greater satisfaction and joy, than being able to be a small part of the Christmas on the Common the past few years.

The only downside to doing this is that my Cameron now thinks that I am Santa's boss, and that he (meaning Santa) will do whatever I tell him to do.

There are posters and flyers around with all of the information. Please pass this along to all of our associates that you feel could use these gifts. It is not limited to just residents of North Brookfield.

I am not sending this along asking for donations, but if you do want to give a donation of gifts or money, contact me and I'll make arrangements.

I would just like to assure you that in this time of cutbacks and budget freezes, that not a cent of tax payer money is used in this. It is all done thru donations and our fundraisers.

Hope to see you on the 20th. Merry Christmas.

Richard LeBlanc
North Brookfield

Remember real reason for the Christmas season

To the Editor:

The one to be honored on Christmas is Jesus, not us. Jesus was born of a virgin, who was Mary. Mary, through the Holy Spirit (God), gave birth to Jesus, God incarnate. Emmanuel, God with us. Joseph was the husband of Mary (Matthew 1:24-25), who was virgin, and Joseph had no union with her until Mary gave birth to a son, Jesus; in Greek - Hebrew, yeshua (Joshua) means the Lord delivers or saves. It was after the birth of Jesus that Joseph and Mary entered into the full physical union commonly associated with marriage. And Jesus had brothers (Matthew 12:46, Mark 3:31-32, 6:3 (there is not much mention of sisters), Luke 8:19-20).

Christmas should be a day of worship, joy and peace, a day of celebration, a day of recognition, a day to rejoice. It should be a season of advent, and not hustling and bustling and nerve rattling. Christmas is special. It is the presence of God in Jesus who cannot be accounted for by the human race. Jesus is God incarnate (became flesh). His life is the highest and holiest, and He came to live with us, the lowliest world, this world, for our redemption. Jesus came into the world so that God could live in us. God sent one (Jesus) to live and die for all, so that all would live for one — Jesus.

Galatians 4:19 is a cry, it is compared to childbirth, God's pain and heart aches for us. He is yearning for our salvation, that Jesus might be invited in each of us.

I am encouraging you to allow your personal life to become a "Bethlehem" for the Son of God this Christmas. We cannot enter the kingdom of God (heaven) unless we are born from above, a birth totally unlike natural birth. "You must be born again" (John 3:3, 7) — this is not only a command; it is a foundation fact for life. The new birth is that we yield our self to God, that Jesus Christ comes into our lives, and His nature (the Holy Spirit) begins to work through us, being redeemed back to the father, God.

What does Christmas mean to you? If it has no spiritual meaning, why celebrate it on Dec. 25? The fact is Jesus was not born in December. It is believed He was born in September, and the wise men did not come to Jesus bearing gifts until Jesus was about 2 or 3 years old. Dec. 25 was chosen because of the winter solstice, which is in December around the 21st. It was a pagan holiday to celebrate the rebirth of the sun. It is also called Yule, yuletide, feast, Christmas time, an expression of pleasure and enjoyment, not hustling and bustling, depressing and nerve rattling. It was a season to try to convert more pagans to Christianity.

It is time to stop religious bigotry. Whatever the belief of this generation. I do not believe that Jesus is being honored. I believe many are making the birthday of Jesus a circus. Jesus is the reason for the season. If this generation does not believe in Jesus, why celebrate? However, if we are true believers in Christmas, and I am a true believer in Jesus and the manger, it makes no difference if we do not know the exact date of the birth of Jesus. What is important is that we are taking the time to celebrate the birth of a child (Jesus) who came into this world to love us and redeem us to God.

A merry and blessed Christmas season to all, and a blessed and healthy New Year.

Roland C. Blais
Brookfield

I'll never forget what's-your-name!

As You Like It

Mark Ashton

We used to chuckle at my father-in-law sometimes. We'd be out and about with him and we'd run into someone who would invariably stop him, want to shake his hand, thank him earnestly for something (maybe for being the best teacher they ever had) and then go on their way feeling good about having communicated this important message to someone so important in their lives.

We'd always ask him who that nice person was, and quite often he'd reply, "I have no idea!" That's what made us chuckle. Of course, in fairness to Walter Glondek (my late father-in-law), he had known (and taught, or disciplined) most of these people when they were zit-faced teenagers, when they were dressed in T-shirts and jeans, when their hair was full of Brycream in their DA haircuts. Now they were in their 50s (or older), dressed in business suits or jogging suits, their zits were gone, and, often, so was much of their hair.

He, of course, looked pretty much the same to all of them, but they were now grown-up and aging versions of any of a thousand kids he once taught and/or disciplined and/or set on the right path to a useful trade or a career in applied mathematical machinations.

So even as we chuckled, we allowed for the 40-50 years between when he was a major factor in their lives and when they were now reminding him of his important influence. Sometimes he'd claim to know the face OR the name, but rarely both. Sometimes he'd disclaim both the face and the name and assume they'd mistaken him for some other favorite teacher in their lives named Walter Glondek.

As I say, we used to chuckle. Unfortunately, the forgetfulness shoe is on another foot of late — mine, and it's not nearly so funny!

What calls it to mind is this wonderful Christmas season (and, yes, it's Christmas — not some vague holiday, or some conglomerated Chanuchriskwanzaa — that I'm celebrating). I mean no disrespect to my non-Christian friends, co-workers, and acquaintances when I say, "Merry Christmas." I mean exactly what it implies, to whatever extent they'll accept it: "Enjoy peace, love, truth, faith, family, and fulfillment through the gift of the atonement!" It's just shorter and sweeter to say, "Merry Christmas!"

Anyway, because of the holidays, the aftermath of ice storms, the abundance of "door-buster" sales, and other seasonal gatherings, we're running into a good many folks lately who we may not get to see on a regular basis. Say we're entering a major department store and we run into somebody who says, "Hi, Jean (to my wife)" and proceeds to fill us in on their health, the status of the kids or cats, and other vital information. I can certainly count on Jean to fill me in two minutes after they're gone. She'll say, "That was Beverly — you remember!" and I'll nod and feign remembrance and we'll go on our merry way.

BUT, if on the way into that same (or another) store, the acquaintance says, "Hi, Mark" and we wave and smile and keep on walking, please do NOT expect me to be able to answer the wife's simple question: "Who was that?" I'm forced, more and more often, to respond, "I haven't a clue!"

Not that I wouldn't like to know such a friendly person, or to claim friendship and/or association with him/her, or to follow the "Holly Jolly Christmas" injunction to "say hello to friends you know, and every one you meet!" It's just that when I'm halfway through an acknowledgement, it more and more often concludes: "Hi, (uh-oh, the name escapes me, the face escapes me; uh-oh, help me escape this introduction!)!" At which point, I'm invariably reduced to such noncommital replies as: "Hi, THERE!" or "Hi — yourself!" or "Hi — and how nice to see you, My Friend (the John McCann approach to individual identification)!"

I guess this is written by way of confession — and apology! I mean no disrepect when I respond to your kind greeting without a name-specific reply. I blame it all on statin drugs, those cholesterol-lowering meds that have been rumored to wreak havoc with one's memory. My doctor — good old what's-his-name — informed me at my last physical that these drugs can NOT be blamed for such problems. In fact, he offered some solace — of sorts — by suggesting that the meds provided important protection against strokes, shocks, clots, and other nasty medical events. "Try having one of THOSE and see what it does to your memory," he suggested.

No, thanks! I'd rather remain "absent-minded," or comically forgetful, as opposed to chronically comatose. So what if I miss a few names, so what if I don't recall that we used to work together, or that we shared a bus ride every day to kindergarten nearly six decades ago.

It doesn't mean that I don't appreciate you or your kind greeting, or that your name, face, and story won't come flooding back to me in the middle of the night! It's just that there are a lot of folks IN THERE (my memory — like the garage and attic — needs a little work to put things in order). By the time you get back to Charlton, or Chappaqua, or Chicago, I'm sure I'll have your name again on the tip of my tongue.

And we can share a little chuckle together!

Mark Ashton writes a weekly column for Stonebridge Press publications.

VIEWPOINT

A Christmas like no other

BIRD'S NEST

WALTER BIRD JR.

For those who didn't live through the Great Depression, the current recession that has most of us in its grip is the worst economic crisis in our lifetime.

It has cost people their jobs. It has cost others their fragile hold on a steady income. It has affected just about every aspect of our lives, one way or another.

And it isn't over, yet.

Need further proof of how bad things are? This country of ours is among the most generous in the world when it comes to helping others. Yet, here we are in this season of giving, and many of our most cherished and accomplished charities are limping into Christmas.

The venerable Toys For Tots program has been running not quite on empty, but a donation level well below last year and others prior.

These are punishing times, trying times.

Indeed, we are less than a week away from a Christmas like no other in recent memory.

As a child, I may not have always thought I got enough presents on Christmas morning, but there were presents — plenty of them in a household with four boys. I never had the experience of waking up to a house with no tree, no presents, no Christmas dinner on this sacred day.

Others have.

This year, many, many more will join them.

For some it will be worse than others, but many families are sure to have a much different Christmas than in years past. Some families have altogether opted not to exchange gifts. Some have chosen to focus on the children, and let the adults go without.

Some families have members who are better off than others. Eliminating the exchange of gifts removes the burden of giving from those who have little means to do so. It eases the guilt some feel when they receive a gift they deem better than the one they gave.

As an adult, I have come to think of Christmas as a holiday for kids. As parents, it's our responsibility to make Christmas as special for our children as possible.

But it really is more than that.

Christmas is for all of us, and if that sounds preachy, you'll get no apologies here.

Christmas isn't gifts, or extravagant displays of lights and ornaments. It isn't a table overflowing with food or a tree that reaches to the ceiling.

It's about the birth of Christ, and as much as He s was a symbol of love, selflessness and compassion, so should Christmas be that to all of us.

For really young kids, it is about the gifts — but that's OK. It is as it should be.

Older children start to get the real meaning and we, as adults, absolutely should be getting it. We should be teaching it to them.

Too sentimental?

If ever there was a time to be sentimental, this is it. If ever there was a time to not just remember the past, but to embrace some of its lessons, this is it.

My parents weren't poor, but they weren't rich, either. They made sure we had a Christmas each year, but they also practiced frugality the rest of the year. The heat in our house rarely went over 62 degrees. If snacks were bought at the store, they were divided up, with each boy given an empty coffee can. The candy went in there and that was it for the week. If you ate it all in one day, you were out of luck. That sometimes lent to some good old-fashioned bartering among the brothers.

We didn't go to the movie theater as much as others might have, but we did go to the drive-in — and even then, only because our parents had won passes to the old Shrewsbury Drive-In.

When my friends got HBO, we got HTN. What's that, you ask? Exactly. It was the Home Theater Network and it didn't show any R-rated movies. The PG movies only came on at 8 p.m.

When my friends got Atari, I got Intellivision. It was cheaper and the games were, too.

It was called sacrificing, and it's something I as an adult could, admittedly, do more of.

Society-wise, we seem to have forgotten that the word "sacrifice" is still in the dictionary. Almost everyone has a cell phone, cable TV service, a video game of some sort.

Not that we're evil because of that. It's just that we became accustomed to having. Now, many are being asked to go without. There are lots of folks who could help us in that regard; people who have lived penny to penny their whole lives who could tell us what it's like. But for those of us in the middle class, while we may depend on each paycheck, we've also been able to find a way to give our kids Guitar Hero, or buy that new SUV, or go on vacation every year.

That's not to rip those who have done precisely that. Heck, my kid has Guitar Hero. Let the kids have their presents. But along with the gifts, we can, by example, teach them that there is a spirit that goes along with them. Call it trite, but it's OK to be moved by the holiday spirit. It's OK to decide not to buy gifts for everyone — this year, especially.

A Christmas like no other? For many of us, yes. Maybe it will become tradition.

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A sign of hope for the holidays, and beyond

KRISTAL KLEAR

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There is something to be said about the chair, empty, sitting in the living room next to the empty space where the Christmas tree will be.

We will get the tree soon, no doubt, after things have settled down — because it cannot be Christmas without a tree — but there is no way to fill that empty chair near it.

It is a chair where my grandfather always sat, asking for a half cup of coffee every Christmas, birthday and holiday — never really asking for anything more.

This Thanksgiving, as my sister and mother remember, he asked for a full cup. He spent an hour debating new and old baseball players with my brother (darn Yankees fans). He enjoyed his favorite (sugar-free) pumpkin pie at dinner. He kissed us all goodbye, said I love you, turned back one time, and waved from the walkway as he and my grandmother headed to the car. Those are the lasting images that come into my mind as I pass that empty chair, which, after his sudden and unexpected death a few days later, can never be filled in the same way again.

I should be lucky to say right now that until the Sunday after Thanksgiving, I was blessed to have all four grandparents alive and to never have lost a family member. And I am lucky and blessed.

But now, I am unsure how I, or others, are supposed to deal with empty chairs in living rooms. It may seem strange to phrase it that way, but I'm not sure how else to.

On Thanksgiving Day, shortly after my grandparents left, my mother, sister, aunt, cousins and I went for a walk around Uxbridge. We headed around the hills near our house, bribing the little cousins to come along by convincing them collecting rocks in a bucket along the way would be a good idea, and that they could throw them in the little pond near Crown & Eagle.

The last time I had walked near that pond was this past summer, but I remember that area well. When I was much younger, a mansion stood on the Grey Rock property. For years it stood there, past its prime, and I used to imagine, even after it burned down, what it would have been like to go inside it. As I walked home from school as a middle school student, I could still see the rusty fence that encompassed what was once the estate where condos and middle class homes with small yards now are.

A few summers ago, I wondered what was left there. Walking down the still paved path to the site of the house, I saw a foundation, overgrown grass, and rusting metal appliances strewn around where a carriage house must have been, a circular drive leading past it to where the house stood. It was picturesque in an overgrown destructive sort of way, as nature in the form of trees and weeds were growing over what humans had once inhabited.

I thought of those images as we stood, throwing the pebbles and small rocks onto the frozen ice of the pond, glancing toward a clearing in the woods where I had remembered hearing the new Angel of Hope Memorial had been constructed, built to honor and remember children who had died before their time.

Empty buckets in hand, we wandered through the clearing and toward the monument area, beautifully landscaped with bushes, flowers, and carefully laid out stones. There was an angel statue, the word hope on the right wing, and the intricately carved names of young children on bricks and benches. We didn't know, then, as we walked around the perimeter, that in three days we would be experiencing our own loss.

I think back to that moment now, when I pass the empty chair in the living room. It will never be filled the same way again, I know. But as I walk by it and think of the Angel of Hope Memorial, I think of how a beautiful place has risen out of the destruction a fire caused years ago, and I can feel some semblance of hope.

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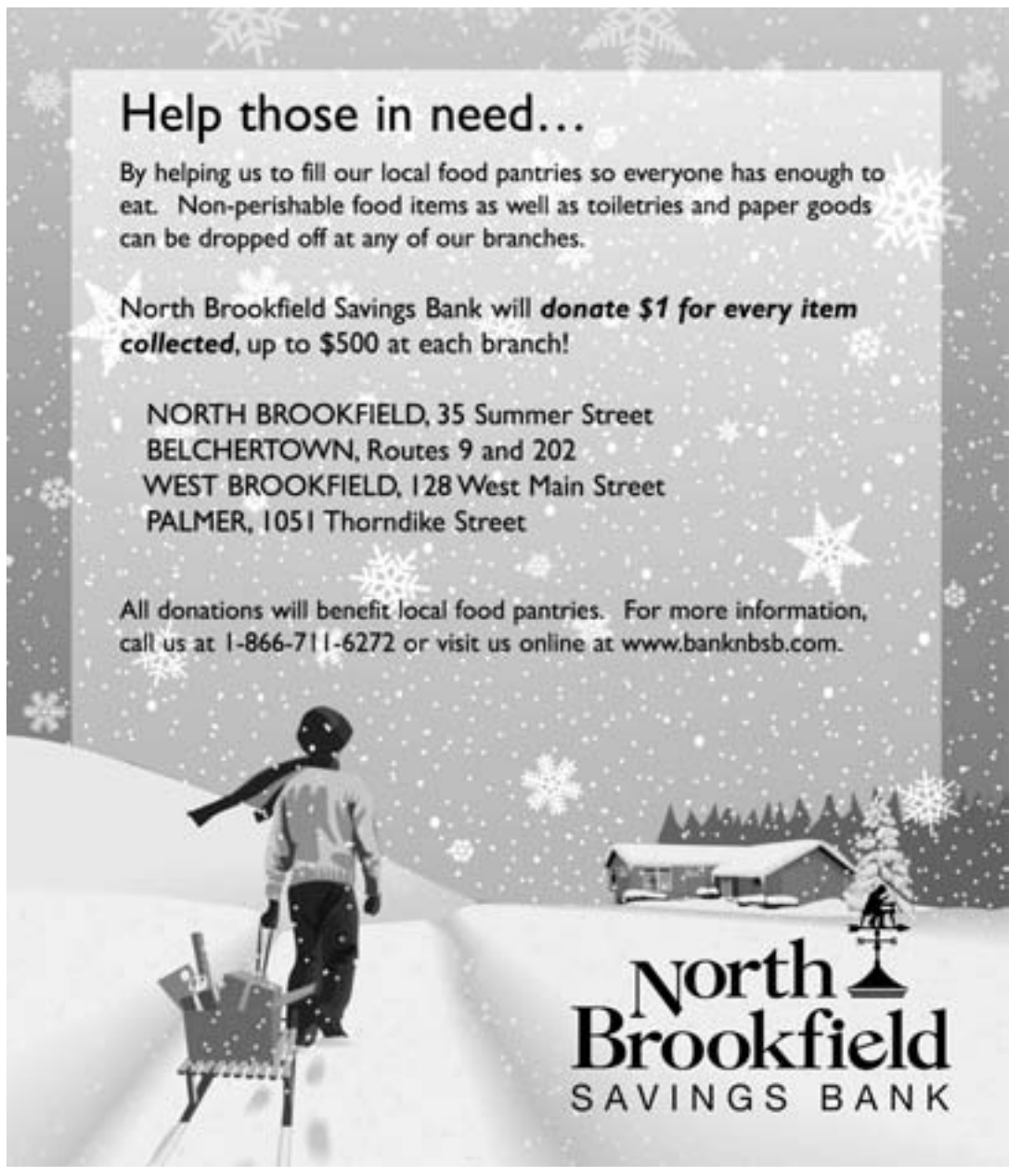
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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULES

Bay Path Winter Schedules

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Dec. 11 — vs. Trivium Catholic, 7 p.m.
Dec. 16 — at Pathfinder Tournament, TBA
Dec. 19 — at Pathfinder Tournament, TBA
Dec. 22 — vs. Pathfinder, 7 p.m.
Jan. 6 — at Assabet, 7 p.m.
Jan. 8 — vs. Abby Kelley Foster, 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 9 — vs. Hudson Catholic, 7 p.m.
Jan. 12 — vs. Keefe Tech, 7 p.m.
Jan. 14 — vs. Monty Tech, 7 p.m.
Jan. 16 — at Nashoba Tech, 7 p.m.
Jan. 20 — vs. Blackstone Valley Tech, 7 p.m.
Jan. 23 — at Worcester Tech, 7 p.m.
Jan. 27 — vs. Assabet, 7 p.m.
Jan. 28 — at Trivium Catholic, 4 p.m.
Jan. 30 — at Hudson Catholic, 7 p.m.
Feb. 2 — at Keefe Tech, 7 p.m.
Feb. 4 — at Monty Tech, 7 p.m.
Feb. 6 — vs. Nashoba Tech, 7 p.m.
Feb. 10 — at Blackstone Valley Tech, 7 p.m.
Feb. 12 — vs. Worcester Tech, 7 p.m.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Dec. 10 — vs. Ellis Tech, 7 p.m.
Dec. 15 — at Pathfinder Tournament, TBA
Dec. 17 — at Pathfinder Tournament, TBA
Dec. 22 — at Ellis Tech, 6 p.m.
Jan. 6 — vs. Assabet, 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 8 — vs. Abby Kelly, 5 p.m.
Jan. 9 — at Hudson Catholic, 7 p.m.
Jan. 12 — at Keefe Tech, 5 p.m.
Jan. 14 — at Monty Tech, 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 16 — vs. Nashoba Tech, 5 p.m.
Jan. 20 — at Blackstone Valley Tech, 5 p.m.
Jan. 23 — vs. Worcester Tech, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 27 — at Assabet, 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 29 — vs. Abby Kelley Foster, 4 p.m.
Jan. 30 — vs. Hudson Catholic, 5 p.m.
Feb. 2 — vs. Keefe Tech, 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 4 — vs. Monty Tech, 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 6 — at Nashoba Tech, 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 10 — vs. Blackstone Valley Tech, 5 p.m.
Feb. 12 — at Worcester Tech, 5 p.m.

David Prouty Winter Schedules

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Dec. 13 — at North Brookfield, 6 p.m.
Dec. 16 — at Uxbridge, 7 p.m.
Dec. 18 — vs. Oxford, 7 p.m.
Dec. 20 — at Northbridge, 2:30 p.m.
Dec. 23 — at Shepherd Hill, 7 p.m.
Dec. 27 — at Auburn, 7 p.m.
Dec. 29 — vs. Millbury, 7 p.m.
Jan. 2 — vs. Grafton, 7 p.m.
Jan. 6 — vs. Leicester, 7 p.m.
Jan. 10 — vs. Southbridge, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 13 — at Quaboag, 7 p.m.
Jan. 16 — vs. Bartlett, 7 p.m.
Jan. 20 — at Tantasqua, 7 p.m.
Jan. 23 — vs. Shepherd Hill, 7 p.m.
Jan. 27 — at Leicester, 7 p.m.
Feb. 2 — at Southbridge, 7 p.m.
Feb. 5 — vs. Quaboag, 7 p.m.
Feb. 9 — at Bartlett, 7 p.m.
Feb. 12 — vs. Tantasqua, 7 p.m.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Dec. 13 — at North Brookfield, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 15 — vs. Uxbridge, 7 p.m.
Dec. 17 — at Monty Tech, 7 p.m.
Dec. 19 — vs. Northbridge, 7 p.m.
Dec. 22 — vs. Shepherd Hill, 7 p.m.
Dec. 30 — at Millbury, 7 p.m.
Jan. 5 — at Leicester, 7 p.m.
Jan. 9 — at Southbridge, 7 p.m.
Jan. 12 — vs. Quaboag, 7 p.m.
Jan. 15 — at Bartlett, 7 p.m.
Jan. 17 — vs. Auburn, 5 p.m.
Jan. 19 — vs. Tantasqua, 7 p.m.
Jan. 22 — at Shepherd Hill, 7 p.m.
Jan. 24 — at Grafton, 5 p.m.
Jan. 26 — vs. Leicester, 7 p.m.
Jan. 31 — vs. North Brookfield, 6 p.m.
Feb. 3 — vs. Southbridge, 7 p.m.
Feb. 6 — at Quaboag, 7 p.m.
Feb. 10 — vs. Bartlett, 7 p.m.
Feb. 13 — at Tantasqua, 7 p.m.

INDOOR TRACK

Dec. 10 — Relay Meet, 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 17 — at Auburn, 3:15 p.m.
Jan. 7 — at Shepherd Hill, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 14 — at Leicester, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 21 — at Tantasqua, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 28 — vs. Woodstock Academy and Bartlett, 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 4 — SWCL League Meet, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 14 — District Meet at Fitchburg, 9 a.m.

Note: All meets will be held at Tantasqua Regional High School, unless otherwise noted.

Leicester High School Winter Schedules

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Dec. 13 — vs. Auburn, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 15 — at Worcester Tech, 7 p.m.
Dec. 18 — vs. Uxbridge, 7 p.m.
Dec. 20 — at Oxford, 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 23 — vs. Quaboag. 7 p.m.
Dec. 27 — at Grafton, 1:30 p.m.
Dec. 30 — vs. Northbridge, 7 p.m.
Jan. 2 — vs. Millbury, 7 p.m.
Jan. 6 — at David Prouty, 7 p.m.
Jan. 8 — at Tantasqua, 7 p.m.
Jan. 10 — at Shepherd Hill, 7 p.m.
Jan. 13 — at Bartlett, 7 p.m.
Jan. 20 — vs. Southbridge, 7 p.m.
Jan. 23 — at Quaboag, 7 p.m.
Jan. 27 — vs. David Prouty, 7 p.m.
Jan. 29 — vs. Tantasqua, 7 p.m.
Feb. 2 — vs. Shepherd Hill, 7 p.m.
Feb. 5 — vs. Bartlett, 7 p.m.
Feb. 11 — at Southbridge, 7 p.m.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Dec. 11 — at Auburn, 7 p.m.
Dec. 17 — at Millbury, 7 p.m.
Dec. 19 — vs. Oxford, 7 p.m.
Dec. 22 — at Quaboag, 7 p.m.
Dec. 27 — vs. Grafton, 1:30 p.m.
Dec. 30 — at Northbridge, 7 p.m.
Jan. 5 — vs. David Prouty, 7 p.m.
Jan. 7 — vs. Tantasqua, 7 p.m.
Jan. 9 — vs. Shepherd Hill, 7 p.m.
Jan. 12 — vs. Bartlett, 7 p.m.
Jan. 19 — at Southbridge, 7 p.m.
Jan. 22 — vs. Quaboag, 7 p.m.
Jan. 26 — at David Prouty, 7 p.m.
Jan. 28 — at Uxbridge, 7 p.m.
Jan. 30 — at Tantasqua, 7 p.m.
Feb. 3 — at Shepherd Hill, 7 p.m.
Feb. 6 — at Bartlett, 7 p.m.
Feb. 13 — vs. Southbridge, 7 p.m.
TBA — vs. Leicester, 7 p.m.

INDOOR TRACK

Dec. 10 — Relay Meet, 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 17 — at Northbridge (at Northbridge HS), 3:15 p.m.
Jan. 7 — at Woodstock Academy, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 14 — at David Prouty, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 21 — at Bartlett, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 28 — vs. Shepherd Hill and Tantasqua, 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 4 — SWCL League Meet, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 14 — District Meet at Fitchburg, 9 a.m.
Feb. 21 — State Meet, 9 a.m.

Note: All meets will be held at Tantasqua Regional High School, unless otherwise noted.

North Brookfield Winter Schedules

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Dec. 13 — vs. David Prouty, 6 p.m.
Dec. 16 — vs. Monson, 6 p.m.
Dec. 18 — vs. North Central Charter, 6 p.m.
Dec. 20 — at Abby Kelley Foster, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 22 — vs. Abby Kelley Foster, 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 2 — at Sutton, 6:45 p.m.
Jan. 6 — at Blackstone-Millville, 6:45 p.m.
Jan. 9 — vs. Douglas, 6:45 p.m.
Jan. 12 — vs. Nipmuc, 6:45 p.m.
Jan. 13 — vs. Whitinsville Christian, 6:45 p.m.
Jan. 15 — at North Central Charter, 6 p.m.
Jan. 20 — at Hopedale, 6:45 p.m.
Jan. 23 — at Nipmuc, 6:45 p.m.
Jan. 27 — vs. Sutton, 6:45 p.m.
Jan. 30 — vs. Blackstone-Millville, 6:45 p.m.
Feb. 2 — at South Lancaster, 7 p.m.
Feb. 3 — at Douglas, 6:45 p.m.
Feb. 6 — at Whitinsville Christian, 6:45 p.m.
Feb. 11 — vs. Hopedale, 6:45 p.m.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Dec. 13 — vs. David Prouty, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 16 — vs. Monson, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 18 — vs. North Central Charter, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 20 — at Abby Kelley Foster, 6 p.m.
Dec. 22 — vs. Abby Kelley Foster, 5 p.m.
Dec. 30 — at Nipmuc, 6:45 p.m.
Jan. 2 — at Sutton, 3:45 p.m.
Jan. 6 — vs. Blackstone-Millville, 6:45 p.m.
Jan. 9 — at Douglas, 6:45 p.m.
Jan. 13 — at Whitinsville Christian, 6:45 p.m.
Jan. 15 — at North Central Charter, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 20 — vs. Hopedale, 6:45 p.m.
Jan. 23 — vs. Nipmuc, 6:45 p.m.
Jan. 28 — vs. Sutton, 6:45 p.m.
Jan. 30 — at Blackstone-Millville, 6:45 p.m.
Jan. 31 — at David Prouty, 6 p.m.
Feb. 3 — vs. Douglas, 6:45 p.m.
Feb. 6 — vs. Whitinsville Christian, 6:45 p.m.
Feb. 9 — at Hopedale, 6:45 p.m.
Feb. 12 — vs. Grafton, 6:45 p.m.

Quaboag Regional Winter Schedules

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Dec. 12 — vs. Grafton, 7 p.m.
Dec. 15 — at Auburn, 7 p.m.
Dec. 20 — at Uxbridge, 2:30 p.m.
Dec. 23 — at Leicester, 7 p.m.
Dec. 30 — vs. Oxford, 7 p.m.
Jan. 2 — vs. Northbridge, 7 p.m.
Jan. 6 — at Ware, 7 p.m.
Jan. 8 — at Southbridge, 7 p.m.
Jan. 10 — vs. Bartlett, 7 p.m.
Jan. 13 — vs. David Prouty, 7 p.m.
Jan. 14 — at Millbury, 7 p.m.
Jan. 16 — at Tantasqua, 7 p.m.
Jan. 20 — at Shepherd Hill, 7 p.m.
Jan. 23 — vs. Leicester, 7 p.m.
Jan. 29 — vs. Southbridge, 7 p.m.
Feb. 2 — at Bartlett, 7 p.m.
Feb. 5 — at David Prouty, 7 p.m.
Feb. 9 — vs. Tantasqua, 7 p.m.
Feb. 12 — vs. Shepherd Hill, 7 p.m.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Dec. 11 — at Grafton, 7 p.m.
Dec. 15 — vs. Auburn, 7 p.m.
Dec. 19 — vs. Uxbridge, 7 p.m.
Dec. 22 — vs. Leicester, 7 p.m.
Dec. 29 — at Oxford, 7 p.m.
Jan. 2 — at Northbridge, 7 p.m.
Jan. 7 — vs. Southbridge, 7 p.m.
Jan. 9 — at Bartlett, 7 p.m.
Jan. 12 — at David Prouty, 7 p.m.
Jan. 16 — at Tantasqua, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 19 — vs. Shepherd Hill, 7 p.m.
Jan. 22 — at Leicester, 7 p.m.
Jan. 28 — vs. Millbury, 7 p.m.
Jan. 30 — at Southbridge, 7 p.m.
Feb. 3 — vs. Bartlett, 7 p.m.
Feb. 6 — vs. David Prouty, 7 p.m.
Feb. 9 — at Tantasqua, 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 13 — at Shepherd Hill, 7 p.m.

Tantasqua Winter Schedule

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Dec. 12 — vs. Oxford, 7 p.m.
Dec. 16 — at Northbridge, 7 p.m.
Dec. 18 — vs. Millbury, 7 p.m.
Dec. 20 — at Grafton, 7 p.m.
Dec. 23 — at Bartlett, 7 p.m.
Dec. 27 — at Uxbridge, 2:30 p.m.
Dec. 30 — vs. Auburn, 7 p.m.
Jan. 6 — vs. Shepherd Hill, 7 p.m.
Jan. 8 — vs. Leicester, 7 p.m.
Jan. 13 — at Southbridge, 7 p.m.
Jan. 16 — vs. Quaboag, 7 p.m.
Jan. 20 — vs. David Prouty, 7 p.m.
Jan. 23 — vs. Bartlett, 7 p.m.
Jan. 27 — at Shepherd Hill, 7 p.m.
Jan. 29 — at Leicester, 7 p.m.
Feb. 2 — vs. Doherty, 7 p.m.
Feb. 5 — vs. Southbridge, 7 p.m.
Feb. 9 — at Quaboag, 7 p.m.
Feb. 12 — at David Prouty, 7 p.m.
Feb. 19 — at Milford, 7 p.m.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Dec. 15 — vs. Northbridge, 7 p.m.
Dec. 19 — vs. Grafton, 7 p.m.
Dec. 22 — vs. Bartlett, 7 p.m.
Dec. 27 — vs. Uxbridge, 2:30 p.m.
Dec. 30 — at Auburn, 5 p.m.
Jan. 3 — vs. Millbury, 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 5 — at Shepherd Hill, 7 p.m.
Jan. 7 — at Leicester, 7 p.m.
Jan. 12 — vs. Southbridge, 7 p.m.
Jan. 16 — vs. Quaboag, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 19 — at David Prouty, 7 p.m.
Jan. 22 — at Bartlett, 7 p.m.
Jan. 26 — vs. Shepherd Hill, 7 p.m.
Jan. 30 — vs. Leicester, 7 p.m.
Feb. 2 — at Oxford, 7 p.m.
Feb. 6 — at Southbridge, 7 p.m.
Feb. 9 — at Quaboag, 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 13 — vs. David Prouty, 7 p.m.
Feb. 17 — Blackstone/Millville Tournament, TBA
Feb. 19 — Blackstone/Millville Tournament, TBA

INDOOR TRACK

Dec. 10 — West Relay Meet at Field House, 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 17 — vs. Millbury, 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 30 — Tantasqua Invitational at Field House, 9 a.m.
Jan. 7 — vs. Bartlett, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 14 — vs. Woodstock Academy, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 21 — vs. David Prouty, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 28 — vs. Shepherd Hill/Leicester, 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 4 — SWCL Championship at Field House, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 14 — District Championship at Fitchburg, 1 p.m.
Feb. 21 — State Meet at Reggie Lewis, 1 p.m.
Feb. 28 — All-State Meet at Reggie Lewis, 10:30 a.m.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Dec. 17 — vs. Bromfield, 3:30 p.m.
Dec. 19 — at Wachusett, 3:30 p.m.
Dec. 22 — at Worcester, 3:30 p.m.
Jan 7 — vs. Shrewsbury, 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 14 — vs. Algonquin, 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 21 — vs. Leominster, 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 28 — vs. Westborough, 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 30 — at Gardner, 3:30 p.m.
Feb. 3 — League Championship, 4:30 p.m.

ATHLETE *of the* WEEK

Tantasqua senior captain Kristina Lindgren, who led all scorers with nine points in the Lady Warriors' first win of the season over Northbridge.

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Tantasqua girls start season with win

BY DAVID JOHNSON
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STURBRIDGE — The Tantasqua girls' basketball season finally got under way Monday night as they hosted the 1-0 Northbridge Rams.

Both teams showed some early season rust as turnovers marred the first quarter. Northbridge came out shooting in the first quarter, as the Rams offense was able to get some easy baskets and take a 19-15 lead into the half.

The second half was a different story, as Tantasqua scored 17 points in the third quarter and the defense stepped up to hold the Rams to just 14 points in the second half. Katarina Muska led the way with two three-pointers in the third quarter for the Warriors.

Senior captain Kristian Lingren led all scorers with nine points. But Tantasqua's fourth-quarter defense was too much to overcome as they held the Rams to just seven points.

After the game, Tantasqua coach Tom Goyette said, "We were real sloppy in the first half. We protected the ball in the second half better and we were real aggressive and were able to get some turnovers that led to some points. We talked at the half about getting more physical and I think we did that. The hustle was more evident in the second half and our team play really came together as we were able to move the ball around and get some open shots that we were able to hit."

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AUBURN — With both teams making their season openers Dec. 15 because inclement weather over the weekend, the Auburn boys' basketball team was able to win on their home floor thanks to a dominating second quarter, outscoring Quaboag 29-1 in the eight-minute frame.

The Rockets cruised in the second half en route to a 59-38 victory.

"It was fairly even through one, and then the second quarter we defended," Auburn coach Andrew Niedzwiecki said. "We did some nice things offensively with our seniors."

The Rockets starting lineup, which includes four seniors and a junior, has a ton of varsity experience and really got things going to open up the second quarter.

Leading 19-11 after one, Auburn scored the next 19 points with scores from the starting five of Nick Natoli, Brian Sullivan, Kyle Beede, Dalton Goodrich and Jon Leroux.

Natoli (seven points), Beede (five) and Leroux (game-high 15) have all played at the varsity level since freshman year. Goodrich (five points) transferred last year as a junior, and started, and current junior Sullivan (12 points) was on varsity last season.

Even with the starters out later in the second quarter, the Rockets' second squad still played intense defense and quick offense. The second unit consists of Antonio Leatham, Evan Kasparian, Kevin Collazo (game-high seven rebounds), Macy Washington and Shane Matthews, who led the second team with seven points.

Travis Hintlian and James Pittman round out the Rocket roster, and also got some playing time.

"The good part is [the starters] set the tone, and then our second team came in and kept it going in the second quarter, which is nice to see," Niedzwiecki said.

After a free throw by Quaboag with 3:26 to go until halftime, Auburn scored 10 more points in succession before intermission. A Natoli rebound with about five seconds to go translated into a long heave to Goodrich, who hit a lay-up right before the buzzer.

Auburn led, 48-12, at the break.

Quaboag outscored Auburn in the second half by a decent margin (26-11) with the Rockets resting their starters for the last 12 or so minutes of the game. Cody Jankins (14 points, five rebounds), Sean Ramsey (eight points) and Ryan Plante (seven points) did most of the scoring for the Cougars.

"In the second half we wanted to work on some things," Niedzwiecki said. "We didn't look as good. We'll improve on that. This is our first time out."

Auburn out-rebounded Quaboag in the contest, 33-18.

The Quaboag coaching staff couldn't be reached for comment after the game.

With all the experience the Rockets have — every player on the varsity roster is either a senior or junior — Niedzwiecki hopes for a productive season after a couple down years.

"We haven't made districts the last two years," he said. "I think we are a district qualifying team [this year]. That's definitely a goal, and the Clark Tournament."

If Auburn can play more quarters like they did in the second against Quaboag, a spot in districts and an invite to the Clark tourney could be in the works for the Rockets.

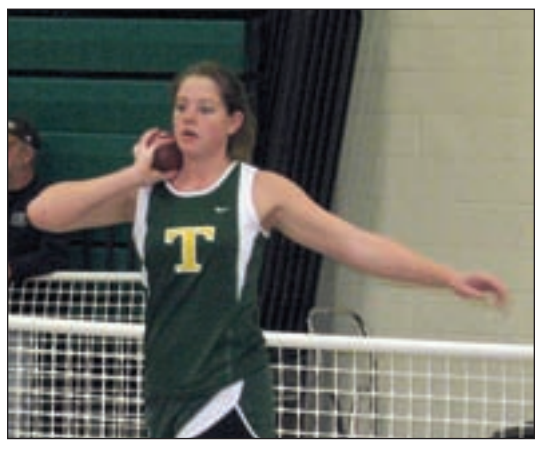
Nick Ethier photos

Brian Sullivan (22) tries to stop Stephen Baker from attacking the basket

Above: Brian Rodrigues (with ball) looks to pass, as Auburn's Nick Natoli defends. Below: Auburn's Dalton Goodrich takes control of the opening tip.

SWCL West teams compete in Relay Meet

Nick Ethier photos



STURBRIDGE — Shepherd Hill, Bartlett, David Prouty, Leicester, Woodstock Academy and host Tantasqua took part in a non-scoring Relay Meet Wednesday, Dec. 11 to begin the indoor track season. Athletes competed in various relays, including the 55m, 200m, 400m, 600m, 800m and sprint medley. Field events were the high jump and shot put.

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Leicester resident calls storm damage 'like a war zone'

STORM

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You could hear the wood dropping, then there'd be a pause and you hear trees falling left and right."

When Robbins and her husband, Derek, woke up Friday morning, they discovered branches all over their yard, including a large branch several inches wide that fell in the middle of the driveway.

It was a scene that played out throughout Leicester, Spencer and the Brookfields as residents, firefighters and Highway Department employees have spent the last week cleaning up fallen trees, and utility crews from both near and far repaired snapped power, telephone and cable television wires.

North Brookfield, Leicester and the northern part of Spencer were hardest hit, with roads impassable and schools closed on Friday. Classes were also canceled in East Brookfield and Brookfield on Friday, while Leicester and Spencer-East Brookfield canceled classes on both Monday and Tuesday.

The town of Spencer declared a state of emergency Thursday night, followed by dozens of other communities. Gov. Deval Patrick issued a statewide declaration Friday morning.

Police reported that Ragged Hill and John Gilbert roads in West Brookfield and the southern part of Brookfield, especially Rice Corner and Gay roads, were also affected by the storm.

In the immediate aftermath of the storm, two Spencer fire trucks were trapped on Thompson Pond Road, in the northern part of town, by falling trees as they responded to a call.

NORTH BROOKFIELD — above: Grove Street was impassable for a while Friday morning because of branches in the road. Right: The car of a Bradshaw Street resident was damaged by falling limbs, and the back windshield was blown out by the impact.

SPENCER — Stephen Malburne faced the unenviable task of removing limbs that fell in front of his Paxton Road home during last week's storm. But, a friend pointed out, the limbs and smaller branches collected can be put to good use in Malburne's wood stove.

LEICESTER — An apple tree on Spring Street and its fruits were covered with ice Friday afternoon.

IN FROM THE COLD

Emergency shelters were set up at Leicester Middle School, Spencer's Knox Trail Junior High School and North Brookfield Elementary School for residents who needed a warm place to stay.

According to Brookfield Police Officer Adam Cameron, among the people who stayed at the North Brookfield shelter were residents of the Wagon Wheel mobile home park in Brookfield who did not have electricity.

Leicester Police Chief James Hurley said Monday between 12 and 20 people spent the night at his town's shelter.

At Spencer's shelter, Fire Chief Robert Parsons said, people came and went throughout the day last weekend. There were about 30 people at a time at Knox Trail when the sun was up, mainly to grab a shower or a hot meal. On Saturday night, he said, 15 people slept at the school because of the plummeting temperatures.

In Leicester, more than 40 utility poles were snapped by the weight of the ice and had to be replaced, according to Police Sgt. Kenneth Antanavica. Many roads (including Route 56 south of the town center Friday morning) were reduced to "basically cart paths," he said, because of the number of trees that fell.

"It's pretty much all over," he said.

As of 6 p.m. Friday, 4,491 National Grid customers in Leicester were without power, along with 419 customers in Brookfield, 139 in East Brookfield, 1,844 in North Brookfield, 5,569 in Spencer, 200 in West Brookfield and 367 in Warren.

By 11:10 p.m. Monday, those numbers had been reduced to 1,596 in Leicester, six each in Brookfield and Warren, 124 in East Brookfield, 181 in North Brookfield, 1,188 in Spencer and 174 in West Brookfield.

Helping to bring power customers back online were crews from around New England, and from as far away as Michigan and North Carolina. In Leicester on Monday, 21 members of the Massachusetts Army National Guard cut and collected tree limbs to make access to fallen wires and poles easier.

SPENCER'S RESPONSE

Residents of Spencer can bring tree limbs that fell during the storm to the transfer station on South Spencer Road, where a commercial chipping machine will grind them up.

"If you live on a private road you will need to bring the material to this location, as the town will not be going down on those roads to remove debris as these roads are not maintained by the town," Parsons and Utilities and Facilities Superintendent Robert McNeil III wrote in a Dec. 15 memorandum to selectmen.

People living on public roads who cannot bring debris to the transfer station can leave it on the side of the road, and the town will come by and grind it up. Parsons told the New Leader Sunday, Dec. 14 it might take several days for that to happen, though.

Tree limbs cannot be burned until the state-mandated burning season begins Jan. 1, Parsons and McNeil wrote.

Parsons warned about the possibility of carbon monoxide poisoning from generators being run in a garage or basement, instead of outside the house. He also recommended residents have their chimneys cleaned and inspected on a regular basis.

In the first couple of days after the ice storm, Parsons said, the Fire Department received many calls for carbon monoxide alarms, as well as for house fires. On Sunday morning, he said, a fire started in a Spencer home that just had power restored and a stove in the basement with papers on top had accidentally been left on. Firefighters also responded to two other calls involving fireplaces that had not been used for a while, Parsons said, as well as calls for flooded basements and trees on houses. All told, he said, the Fire Department received 125 calls between Thursday and Sunday afternoon.

'BLUR OF BLACK AND GRAY'

On Friday morning, residents of Reed Avenue in North Brookfield left their power-less homes to view the damage left by the storm. In front of Duane Boulette and Debbie Lincoln's house was the top section of a utility pole that snapped and caught fire, in addition to plenty of fallen branches in the front and back yards.

"I've been here 20 years, and I've never seen anything like this," Lincoln said.

Neighbor Douglas Blodgett, meanwhile, was clearing away fallen tree limbs from his yard, including two that fell on his car. Early Friday morning, as he was watching the storm from the safety of his home's basement bulkhead, he decided to move his car up a few feet and away from a tree. Blodgett explained that he was afraid falling branches would damage his car for the second time in a year.

Five minutes after he moved his car, a branch fell onto the roof, leaving a large dent and a smashed windshield.

"It was just a blur of black and gray," he said.

In Leicester, Pine Street resident Tina Simakauskas saw firsthand Thursday night the fury of the ice storm. As she was driving to work, she found her usual route blocked by fallen trees, so she turned around, went home and call her employer to say she could not come in.

Simakauskas said she ended up staying up most of the night and hearing branches fall in front of her home, as well as seeing her basement flood and the power go out around 2:30 a.m. Friday.

"It's like a war zone," Simakauskas noted Friday afternoon, shortly after Leicester firefighters cut some branches that were too close to the road.

When asked how the damage compared to previous storms, she replied, "It's winter. It's New England. What are you going to say?"

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LEICESTER — A Leicester police officer directs traffic on Pine Street as firefighters cut and remove branches encroaching on the street.

LEICESTER — A jogger runs past an electrical transformer that fell off a pole and onto Pine Street during last week's storm. The top third of the pole it came from snapped and was hanging above the roadway.

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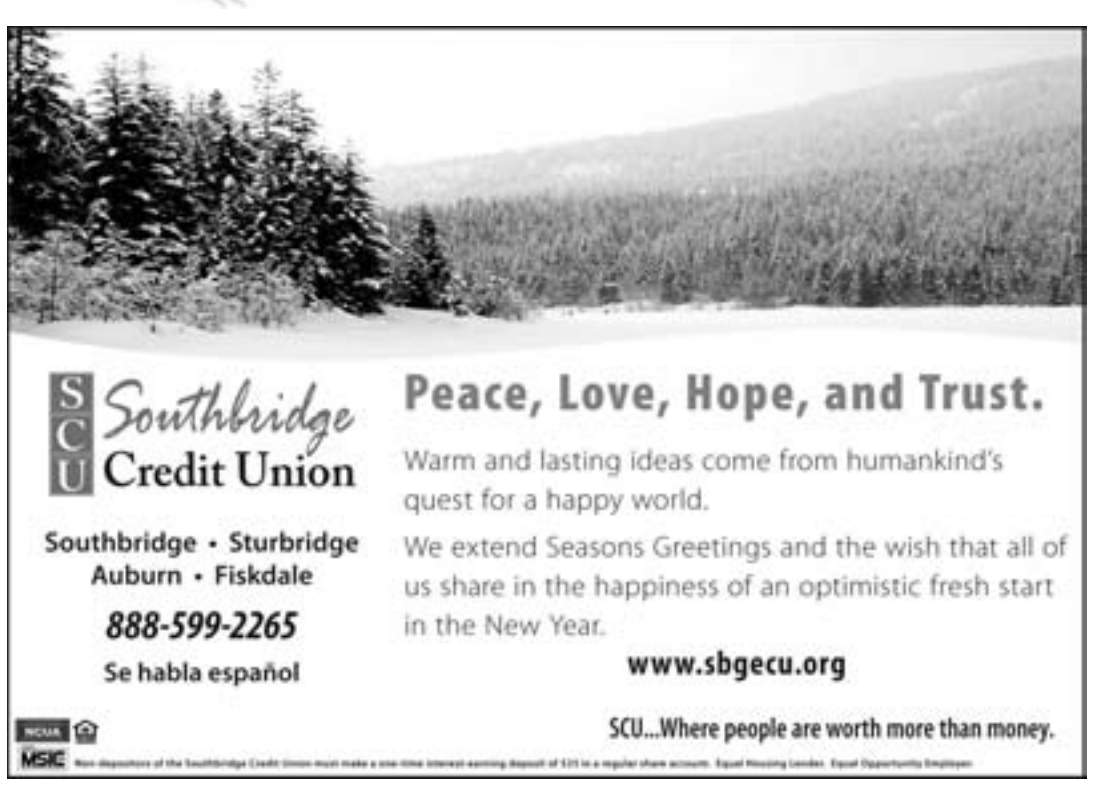
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POLICE REPORTS

SPENCER

Dec. 4
8:25 a.m.: Request for police, West Main Street. Inquiring how to ship antique rifle.
8:49 a.m.: Animal control, Adams Street. Daughter bit by dog getting on bus, third time.
9:24 a.m.: Motor vehicle complaint, Norcross Road. Delivery truck almost hit horse Dec. 2.
10:55 a.m.: Disturbance, Church Street. Carpenters have music too loud.
11:45 a.m.: Disturbance, Chickering Road. Neighbor put boat ramp in water on caller's property.
12:44 p.m.: Animal control, Bacon Hill Road. Man bit by dog this morning.
2:02 p.m.: Domestic abuse/neglect, Mechanic Street. Requesting officer, being attacked, please hurry.
4:26 p.m.: Suspicious activity, Paxton Drive. Thinks someone in shed.
6:19 p.m.: Motor vehicle accident, Greenville Street and Kingsbury Road. Oil truck hit deer, deer injured.
6:28 p.m.: Police information, West Main Street. Inquiring why police went into workplace.
7 p.m.: Motor vehicle complaint, Maple Street. Requesting to speak to officer re: loud vehicles.
7:46 p.m.: Motor vehicle complaint, Maple Street. Four vehicles keep going by, loud exhausts.
8:22 p.m.: Larceny, West Main Street. Requesting to speak to officer re: stolen money.
Dec. 5
9:30 a.m.: Vandalism, Main Street. Several windows broken in back.
10:12 a.m.: DPW callout, Pleasant Street and Meadow Road. Green Route 31 directional sign knocked over.
10:18 a.m.: Suspicious activity, Main Street. Out with a man in front of Tony's Cleaners.
12:53 p.m.: Animal control, Kingsbury Road. Attempting to catch German shepherd/golden retriever mix.
1:15 p.m.: Suspicious activity, Main Street. Man walking with magazine in front of face.
1:35 p.m.: Hit and run accident with property damage, Tom Casey Road. Section of fence taken out.
1:37 p.m.: Animal control, Lyford Road. Cat hit by car bleeding.
1:55 p.m.: Suspicious activity, Main Street. "The Joker" is walking through lot.
2:33 p.m.: Assault, Mechanic and Wall streets. Son was choked from behind.
5:14 p.m.: Animal control, Condon Drive. Stray white dog going through trash.
6:33 p.m.: Assault, West Main Street. Assaulted with Taser and cut head.
9:09 p.m.: Motor vehicle plate theft, Main Street. Rear plate off of truck.
9:47 p.m.: Motor vehicle complaint, Main Street. Almost run off the road by another vehicle.
11:15 p.m.: Motor vehicle complaint, Maple Street. Blue truck followed by blue car.
11:43 p.m.: Motor vehicle complaint, Maple Street. Vehicles "cranking on the throttle" as going by.
Dec. 6
1:12 a.m.: Missing person-juvenile, Maple Street. Daughter hasn't returned home.
7:15 a.m.: Vandalism, Maple Street. Vehicle egged, spit on last night.
9:27 a.m.: Motor vehicle accident with property damage, Maple Street. Accident near Steve's Garage.
10:39 a.m.: Animal control, Holmes Street. Dog constantly messing in his yard.
Noon: Police information, Maple Street. Still concerns about loud exhaust from vehicles.
2:19 p.m.: Police information, Ash Street. Youths on the roof of the school.
5:31 p.m.: Request for police, Clark Road. Well being check.
6:44 p.m.: Loitering/curfew/vagrancy, Cherry Street. Juveniles hanging around.
7:03 p.m.: Motor vehicle complaint, Maple Street. Was almost hit by motor vehicle.
7:32 p.m.: Juvenile matter, Church Street. Large group of kids pushing Price Chopper cart in street.
9:45 p.m.: Residential fire, Mechanic Street. Smoke coming from light fixture in kitchen.
11:01 p.m.: Motor vehicle complaint, Valley Street. About 15 cars flew by, kids out of windows.
11:16 p.m.: Disturbance, Langevin Street. People were knocking on door for 20 minutes.
11:45 p.m.: Motor vehicle complaint, Maple Street. Two vehicles with loud bass went by residence, west on Route 9.
Dec. 7
12:19 a.m.: Motor vehicle complaint, Maple Street. Black pickup went by throttling engine.
2:24 a.m.: Fire alarm, Pearl Street. Activated CO detector.
11:05 a.m.: Vandalism, West Main Street. Caller reports son's vehicle was vandalized.
11:23 a.m.: Request for police, Adams Street. Caller having a problem with sister.
11:25 a.m.: Trash dumping, West Main Street. Vehicle with New Hampshire plates dumped broken bed.
12:13 p.m.: Threats-to kill, Cherry Street. Person into station to report threats.
12:49 p.m.: Animal control, Northwest Road. Missing yellow Labrador, service dog.
3:22 p.m.: Request for police, Cherry Street. Three black men banging on door, threatening caller.
8:11 p.m.: Request for police, Temple Street. Noise coming from unoccupied apartment.
8:21 p.m.: Medical, North Street. Daughter may have swallowed earring.
Dec. 8
2:48 a.m.: Disturbance, Chestnut Street. Been partying all night, banging on ceiling.
1:20 p.m.: Request for police, Greenville Street. Tenant problem, was to be out two weeks ago.
2:30 p.m.: Motor vehicle complaint, Maple Street. Caller asks to send cruiser re: speeding vehicles.
2:49 p.m.: Vandalism, Hastings Road. Person kicked in mirror on door.
4:53 p.m.: Motor vehicle complaint, Maple Street. Complaining again re: motor vehicle.
7:15 p.m.: Motor vehicle accident with property damage, Pleasant Street. Vehicle hit pole, person out walking around.
8:45 p.m.: Motor vehicle accident with property damage, West Main Street. No damage, but other person requesting officer.
Dec. 9
12:55 a.m.: Commercial fire, South Spencer Road. Was machine fire, extinguished now, alarms still activated.
8:59 a.m.: Trash dumping, Howard Hurley Road. Officer advising three bags of trash.
12:14 p.m.: Hit and run accident with property damage, Meadow Road. Vehicle backed into my vehicle.
12:41 p.m.: Request for police, Grove Street. Well being check on daughter.
1:55 p.m.: Disturbance, Main Street. Two men and one woman, men fighting.
2:37 p.m.: Fire (woods/grass/other), East Avenue. Pellet stove on fire, in back of stove.
3:21 p.m.: Larceny-shoplifting, Main Street. Woman in store, sent cruiser.
4:05 p.m.: Larceny-shoplifting, West Main Street. Drive off, $13.
4:06 p.m.: Motor vehicle complaint, Main Street. Almost forced off road by vehicle.
4:16 p.m.: Police information, Main and Ash streets. Officer advising crossing guard cone out of the road.
4:55 p.m.: Motor vehicle complaint, Maple Street. Double trouble, speeders and loud noise.
5:59 p.m.: Motor vehicle accident, Pleasant Street. Deer in edge of the woods.
7:15 p.m.: Motor vehicle complaint, Maple Street. Sick of people driving by in low gear.
8:21 p.m.: Motor vehicle complaint, Maple Street. Vehicles going by blaring bass.
8:49 p.m.: Mutual aid, Main Street. Leicester PD advising person bailed from vehicle, ran toward Spencer.
Dec. 10
2:31 a.m.: Suspicious activity, Main Street. Checking for person that ran across the street.
2:52 a.m.: Suspicious activity, Main Street. Person out walking.
2:57 a.m.: Police information, Chestnut Street. About 20 shopping carts scattered around.
8:22 a.m.: Police information, Main Street. Pick up Christmas banner from street.
8:55 a.m.: DPW callout, Cherry Street. Large tree branch fell in street just past Morin's.
11:06 a.m.: Vandalism, Clark Street. Two tires slashed on vehicle.
2:36 p.m.: OUI-alcohol or drugs, Wire Village Road. Vehicle off road, down embankment by Little League fields.
4:05 p.m.: Domestic abuse/neglect, Cherry Street. Abused by boyfriend.
4:08 p.m.: Loitering/curfew/vagrancy, Pleasant Street. Group of youths in rear yelling and swearing.
5:01 p.m.: Request for police, Old Farm Road. Requesting officer to residence, ex coming over.
6:04 p.m.: Motor vehicle accident with property damage, Linden Street. Hit parked car around 5 p.m.
8:22 p.m.: Sexual non-force/assault child, Valley Street. Requesting to speak to officer.
9:21 p.m.: Police information, West Main Street. Saw cruisers fly by on Route 49.
9:50 p.m.: Vandalism, Mechanic Street. Person smashed window and stole items from vehicle.
11:04 p.m.: Suspicious activity, Howe Village. Person sitting in vehicle for a while now.

LEICESTER

Dec. 4
7:13 a.m.: Motor vehicle accident, Main Street. Report taken.
8:48 a.m.: Motor vehicle accident, Charlton and River streets. Report taken.
10:25 a.m.: Hit and run accident, Soojians Drive. Report taken.
10:27 a.m.: Motor vehicle accident, Main Street. Area search negative.
3:28 p.m.: Family problem, South Main Street. Report taken.
4:18 p.m.: Suspicious activity, Gleason Way and Warren Avenue. Unfounded.
4:58 p.m.: Officer wanted, Warren Avenue. Services rendered.
Dec. 5
3:59 p.m.: Erratic operator, Stafford Street and Sunrise Avenue. Referred to other agency.
4:22 p.m.: Motor vehicle accident, South Main Street. Services rendered.
7:24 p.m.: Suspicious vehicle, Shady Lane. Spoken to.
9:11 p.m.: Suspicious vehicle, Main Street. Spoken to.
11:34 p.m.: Officer wanted, South Main Street. Report taken.
Dec. 6
1:13 a.m.: Suspicious vehicle, Mannville and Earle streets. Dispersed group.
1:56 a.m.: Suspicious vehicle, Paxton Street. Spoken to.
2:28 and 2:30 a.m.: Vandalism, Church and Boyd streets. No action required.
8:16 a.m.: Unattended/sudden death, Sterling Street. Investigated.
10:57 a.m.: Animal complaint, Stafford Street. Referred to other agency.
12:01 p.m.: Family problem, Stafford Street. Peace restored.
2:33 p.m.: Suspicious vehicle, Chapel Street. Spoken to.
3:46 p.m.: Illegal dumping of rubbish, Main Street. Report taken.
5:43 p.m.: Domestic disturbance, Main Street. Transported.
11:30 p.m.: Noise complaint, Pleasant Street. Spoken to.
Dec. 7
1:32 a.m.: Officer wanted, Rawson Street. Taken to family or guardian.
8:31 a.m.: Fire (brush/grass/leaves), Charlton Street. Referred to other agency.
9:04 a.m.: Motor vehicle accident, Cemetery Road. Report taken.
6:17 p.m.: Suspicious vehicle, King Street Extension. Area search negative.
6:57 p.m.: Family problem, Chapel Street. No action required.
7:42 p.m.: Open door or window, Washburn Street. Building checked and secured.
9:10 p.m.: Suspicious activity, Main Street. Spoken to.
Dec. 8
10:30 a.m.: School incident, Winslow Avenue. Investigated.
10:44 a.m.: Sexual assault offenses, South Main Street. Investigated.
12:10 p.m.: Larceny, Rawson Street. Report taken.
3:46 p.m.: Motor vehicle accident, Huntoon Memorial Highway and Pleasant Street. Services rendered.
4:18 p.m.: Family problem, Craig Street. Peace restored.
4:41 p.m.: Erratic operator, Main Street. Spoken to.
6:20 p.m.: Officer wanted, South Main Street. Report taken.
7:33 p.m.: Suspicious vehicle, Auburn Street. Services rendered.
8:22 p.m.: Residential breaking and entering, Marshall Street. Report taken.
Dec. 9
2:27 a.m.: Disabled motor vehicle, Main Street. Assisted party.
10:20 a.m.: Assist citizen, Lynde Brook Drive. Services rendered.
11:22 a.m.: Lockout, Bottomly Avenue. Services rendered.
12:27 p.m.: Animal complaint, Henshaw Street. Services rendered.
2:40 p.m.: Welfare check, Main Street. Services rendered.
2:51 and 3:28 p.m.: Hazardous condition, Main Street. Spoken to.
4:05 p.m.: Threats, Winslow Avenue. Services rendered.
6:34 p.m.: Larceny, Main Street. Report taken.
8:34 p.m.: Suspicious vehicle, Main Street. Investigated.
11:43 p.m.: Chimney fire, Hyland Avenue. Services rendered.
Dec. 10
6:22 a.m.: Debris in road, Main Street. Removed hazard.
6:31 a.m.: Suspicious vehicle, Stafford and Auburn streets. Spoken to.
11:05 a.m.: Hazardous condition, Pine Street. Removed hazard.
11:54 a.m.: Motor vehicle accident, Soojians Drive. Report taken.
1:15 p.m.: Officer wanted, Auburn Street. Report taken.
5:33 p.m.: Identity theft, Wesley Drive. Report taken.
6:06 p.m.: Animal control, Pleasant Street and Peter Salem Road. Area search negative.
7:20 p.m.: Animal complaint, Main Street. Referred to other agency.
8:15 p.m.: Disturbance, Huntoon Memorial Highway. No action required.
11:09 p.m.: Fire/odor of smoke, Stafford Street. Area search negative.

WEST BROOKFIELD

Dec. 3
6:05 p.m.: Suspicious activity, West Main Street. Gone on arrival.
9:52 p.m.: Alarm, New Braintree Road. False alarm.
Dec. 4
5:22 a.m.: Alarm, Wickaboag Valley Road. Checked and secured.
7:54 a.m.: Animal call, West Main Street. Services rendered.
9:51 a.m.: Larceny/theft/shoplifting, West Main Street. Report taken.
1:02 p.m.: Alarm, New Braintree Road. Building checked and secured.
Dec. 5
9:17 a.m.: Alarm, New Braintree Road. Building checked and secured.
8:51 p.m.: Assist citizen, West Main Street. Arrest made.
Dec. 6
12:10 p.m.: Safety hazard, Long Hill Road. Services rendered.
4:36 p.m.: Motor vehicle accident, Route 67. Services rendered.
5:11 p.m.: Motor vehicle operations complaint, Route 67. Unfounded.
Dec. 7
12:44 p.m.: Motor vehicle accident, Route 9. Report taken.
Dec. 8
2:17 a.m.: Fire alarm, East Main Street. Call transferred to State Police.
3:10 a.m.: Fire alarm, East Main Street. Investigated.
9:25 a.m.: 911 hang-up call, Roy Terrace. Spoken to.
5 p.m.: Disabled motor vehicle, West Main Street and Boston Post Road. Vehicle towed.
5:23 p.m.: Disabled motor vehicle, West Main Street. Dispatch handled.
5:57 p.m.: Assist citizen, East Main Street. Spoken to.
Dec. 9
4:59 a.m.: Safety hazard, West Main Street. Spoken to.
9:12 a.m.: Alarm, Ragged Hill Road. Building checked and secured.
12:42 p.m.: Welfare check, Wickaboag Valley Road. Services rendered.
1:57 p.m.: Animal call, Route 9. Unattended death.
5 p.m.: Fire (illegal burn), Church Street. Extinguished.

BROOKFIELD

Dec. 4
9:57 a.m.: Report of vicious dog, Maple Street. Investigated and referred to animal control officer.
10:57 a.m.: Open door, Lake Road. Building secured.
2:15 p.m.: Suspicious person, Post Road. Investigated.
4:58 p.m.: Well being check, Molasses Hill Road.
Dec. 5
5:24 p.m.: Motor vehicle lockout assist, Post Road.
6:15 p.m.: Dog loose on common, River Street. Returned to owner.
8:10 p.m.: Large bonfire reported, Central Street. Investigated.
Dec. 6
8:46 a.m.: Dead animal in roadway, West Main Street. Removed.
10:10 a.m.: Well being check, Nanatomqua Drive.
2:19 p.m.: Motor vehicle accident, Mill Street. Vehicle off roadway, EMS transported.
2:50 p.m.: Disturbance, Rice Corner Road. Possible larceny, report taken.
6:16 p.m.: Minor motor vehicle accident, Longhorn Trail. Report taken.
11:21 p.m.: Suspicious motor vehicle, Rice Corner Road. Investigated.

ARRESTS

The arrests below were listed in each town's police department logs. People charged are innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. The Spencer New Leader will publish dispensations of cases at the request of the accused, with proper documentation.

SPENCER

Dec. 4
Aduein Santos, 46, 28 South Spencer Road, Spencer. Operating motor vehicle after license suspended.
Dec. 8
Christine L. Watson, 43, 7 Chestnut St., Spencer. Disorderly person, disturbing the peace, assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest, possession of a dangerous weapon (double-edged knife).
Dec. 9
Hyland C. McClish, 22, 16 Thompson Pond Road, Spencer. Assault and battery, disorderly person, disturbing the peace.
Anthony M. Quattrucci, 23, 25 Irving St., Spencer. Assault and battery, disorderly person, disturbing the peace.
Dec. 10
Andrew P. Groleau, 28, 53 Cherry St., Spencer. Domestic assault and battery.
Alan W. Rowden, 25, 76 Hemlock St., Leicester. Operating motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, failure to stay in marked lane, operating motor vehicle negligently to endanger.

LEICESTER

Dec. 4
Tara L. Fitton, 24, 6 Virginia Drive, Rochdale. Unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.
Dec. 5
Mark John Martin, 24, 77 Sunrise Ave., Fitchburg. Speeding, operating under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, failure to wear seat belt, possession of Class D drug (subsequent offense), possession of open container of alcohol in motor vehicle.
Dec. 7
Robert Clark Kimball, 26, 7 Memorial School Drive, Leicester. Speeding, marked lanes violation, operating under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle.
Dec. 8
Hayden M. Fitzsimmons, 18, 11 Chapel St., Cherry Valley. Three warrants.

WEST BROOKFIELD

Dec. 5
Brent J. Bouvier, 23, 8 Juniper St., West Brookfield. Speeding, operating under the influence of liquor.

BROOKFIELD

Nov. 23
Brookfield police reported that Anthony M. Lamarche, who gave his address as 100 Ash St. in Spencer, was arrested for breaking and entering in the daytime, larceny from a building and larceny over $250. However, Ash Street residents told the New Leader that Lamarche has never lived at 100 Ash St., the location of a daycare center. In response, Brookfield Police Sgt. Christopher Welsh said the address his department provided came from either Lamarche himself or state Registry of Motor Vehicles records.

Dec. 7
6:54 a.m.: Well being check, Fiskdale Road.
2:20 p.m.: Assist citizen with domestic issue, Rice Corner Road.
3:45 p.m.: Residential alarm, Wells Road. Building cleared and secured.
6:14 p.m.: Erratic operation of motor vehicle, Fiskdale Road. Investigated.
Dec. 8
11:06 a.m.: Report of possible larceny, Post Road. Report taken.
2:01 p.m.: Larceny, West Main Street. Investigated.
4:50 p.m.: Disabled motor vehicle, South Maple Street. Assisted.
8:02 p.m.: Disturbance, Wells Road. Loud crash heard, possible explosion, investigated.
Dec. 9
12:41 p.m.: Assist citizen, Westward Way.
5:46 p.m.: Safety hazard, Draper Street. Large debris in roadway.
9:14 p.m.: Home invasion, Oak Avenue. Investigated.
11:18 p.m.: Suspicious motor vehicle, South Maple Street. Investigated.
Dec. 10
7:54 a.m.: Residential alarm, Rice Corner Road. Building secured.
5:12 p.m.: Report of possible assault, Post Road. Investigated.

EAST BROOKFIELD

Dec. 1
5:31 p.m.: Animal call, Howe Street. Report taken.
7:33 p.m.: Disabled motor vehicle, East Main Street. Investigated.
7:44 p.m.: Found/lost property, Maple Street. Report taken.
Dec. 2
11:36 a.m.: Complaint, Route 49. Referred to other agency.
1:04 p.m.: Disabled motor vehicle, Route 49. Services rendered.
4:35 p.m.: Safety hazard, Route 9. Referred to other agency.
Dec. 3
10:29 a.m.: Investigation, Howe Street. Referred to other agency.
7:27 p.m.: Suspicious activity, Putney Court. Building checked and secured.
Dec. 7
1:23 a.m.: Alarm, East Main Street. Checked and secured.
4:20 p.m.: Assist citizen, Putney Court. Spoken to.
4:32 p.m.: Motor vehicle accident, Route 9 and North Brookfield Road. Report taken.

Notice of Intent to File for Federal Financial Assistance

The North Brookfield Water Department proposes to file an Application for Federal Financial Assistance with the USDA, Rural Development. This application for financial assistance will be for funding under the Rural Development. This application for financial assistance will be for funding under the rural Utilities Service Plan 1780, Water and Waste Loans and Grant (CFDA 10.760) and was submitted November 17, 2008. The specific elements of this project include the repair of the Horse Pond Dam as well as the Engineering Fees. This project is anticipated to cost approximately Eight hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($850,000)

Any comments regarding this application should be submitted to the North Brookfield Water Department within fifteen (15) days of this publication.

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‘An Enchanted Evening’ in North Brookfield

David Dore photos

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The flute section of the North Brookfield Junior/Senior High School Band warms up before their performance at the school’s “An Enchanted Evening with the Arts” Wednesday, Dec. 10.

The band’s clarinet section takes a breather as they practice.

Band Director Eric Jefferson, right, gives instructions to his students before the concert.

Maggie Vasil, right, 10, of North Brookfield and a student at Kara Anderson’s Dance Studio, laughs it up as she dances with fellow student Kara Spencer, left, 11, before their performance.

Danielle Leveillee, left, and her daughter, Morgan Westerback, check out some of the student-produced pieces in the new “Picture This” art gallery at the high school.

This sculpture, placed in front of the “Picture This” art gallery last Wednesday night, was made by Art 4 students Chelsea Pritchet and Jessica Barton.

Bryden Moore, back, Hillary Waugh, center, and Miranda German, front, pause during their dance routine.

Harlem Superstars returning to the region

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The Friends of The North Brookfield Playground, for the fifth straight year, will be hosting the fabulous Harlem Superstars (formerly the Rockets) at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21 at the Julianne Caron Memorial Gymnasium in North Brookfield High School.

The Superstars, as well as the committee, felt that playing on a weeknight may be more attractive, after playing the previous four years on Saturday night. Each year the crowd keeps getting larger and larger, and this year promises to be even bigger and better than ever.

The Rockets' opponent will be the North Brookfield Dream Team. The Dream Team is still being assembled at press time.

If there is a special someone that anyone like to see go up against the 7-foot, 2-inch Ricky Lopes, let a member of the committee know, and they will try to entice them into playing.

Tickets, which make great stocking stuffers, are available from members of the Playground Committee, at Bob's Deli and at North Brookfield High School. Prices are $7 in advance or $8 at the door (one price for all ages).

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Legislator wants Open Meeting Law applied to Beacon Hill

ETHICS

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saying, but the caucus is just a time to share some ideas. When we are in formal session, we are open."

Callahan's push for reform and Gov. Deval Patrick's task force coincide with headlines about scandals and probes involving lawmakers such as former Sen. Dianne Wilkerson (D-Boston), House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi (D-Boston) and Boston City Councilor Charles Turner. Callahan herself created a storm on Beacon Hill earlier this past spring when she stated in open session that a colleague employed intimidation to try and influence her vote on a budget amendment. The Ethics Committee has yet to release a finding on the matter.

"Like many of my colleagues, I am disheartened and justifiably angered by the dark cloud that has been placed over this institution," Callahan told the task force.

Alicea, for his part, said the actions of a few unscrupulous lawmakers should not tar the reputation of the entire Legislature.

"I think ethics reform has to be addressed, but it doesn't mean that what one [lawmaker] does should reflect on everyone else," he said. "What Wilkerson did was like something you would see in a movie."

The Callahan legislation takes aim at several key issues: The bill would prohibit lobbyists from contributing to political campaigns, or from paying for or brokering trips or events attended by legislators; it would require lawmakers in leadership positions who are fined by the Ethics Commission or by the Office of Campaign Finance to give up chairmanships or other high-ranking posts; earmarks would be removed from the budget process; lawmakers would be required to attend an ethics education and training seminar; actions taken by the Ethics Committee would be made public; all members of the Ethics Committee would be trained on ethics laws as well as investigation and interviewing skills, and issues that transcend the scope of the Ethics Committee's expertise would be referred to an appropriate resource.

The Open Meeting Law provision was added after Callahan filed the bill in the current session. The entire package of legislation is expected to be re-filed in the upcoming session, which begins with swearing-in Jan. 2.

State Rep. Paul Kujawski (D-Webster) said many of the reforms Callahan is calling for are already in place, but they need to be enforced.

"Any type of public hearing in committee or on bills are public," the veteran lawmaker said. "In 1995, we enacted one of the biggest ethics and campaign finance reform laws ever … I know we do have tough laws."

Among other things, the 1995 legislation put strict limits on campaign contributions and the acceptance of political action committee (PAC) money, according to Kujawski.

"It was strong and comprehensive," he said.

Kujawski, who works closely with Callahan because they both represent precincts in south-central Massachusetts, said his colleague's call for reform is understandable.

"Jen is a very hardworking legislator who feels she has been mistreated and is reacting the way she feels necessary," he said.

Rep. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) agreed with Kujawski that Callahan's campaign for ethics reform is in part motivated by her experience last spring.

"Everyone brings their own personal background and I have no problem with that whatsoever," Gobi said. "The task force is still meeting and obviously the Legislature and the administration is on board that much of this should not be happening. I think you will see things move quickly after the start of the new session."

Nonetheless, Gobi took issue with several features of Callahan's plan.

"Caucuses I look at differently," she said with regard to the Open Meeting Law requirement. "We are able to hash out a long of things and sometimes it involves individual personalities. [The Open Meeting Law] could hinder internal debate."

Moreover, according to Gobi, earmarks — at least those with a regional aim — should remain within the budget structure.

"There are things I get for my community that I look at as an extension of local aid," she said. "Earmarks that don't have any regional focus… maybe those could be taken out."

Gobi added that even the strictest of ethics/lobbying reforms would do little to stop criminal behavior by a few rogue lawmakers.

"You can have every law and tight controls, but some people are just bad," she said. "They are everywhere and seem to give everyone else a bad name. It's certainly not exclusive to the Legislature."

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Founder envisions 'academically challenging school'

SCHOOL

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culty budget wise as it is."

Boss said "a good number" of Oxford elementary students are enrolled at the Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School in Worcester, which spans kindergarten to Grade 12 and operates on an extended school day and year.

Oxford's budget must support all of these out-of-district charter placements, Boss said.

Abby Kelley Foster is also open to students in Leicester.

Evelyn Lima, lead founder of SOKA, disagrees with the idea of halting charter school expansion, saying barebones statistics give credence to the argument more of these schools are needed — not to mention the added benefits of their specialized curriculums.

"There are a total of 1,200 Worcester students on waiting lists to various charter schools in the area," Lima said. "This demonstrates the outstanding need for additional choices for parents in the area."

Statewide, nearly 21,000 students are on charter school waiting lists for the 61 schools operating in Massachusetts.

Students are selected to enroll based on a lottery system.

In addition to reducing these waiting list numbers, Lima said the academic challenges SOKA would present is something she believes would be welcomed locally.

"The geographic area is in need of an academically challenging school with advanced learning of math and sciences because of the demands of the new 21st-century work market," Lima said. "We hope to build relationships with the existing schools to create a strong collaboration in empowering the students to believe in themselves and to be proud and valued members of the community."

In Massachusetts, charter schools are defined as public schools governed by a board of trustees entrusted to act independently of any school committee.

These schools operate under a five-year charter granted by the state Board of Education.

Under these charters, administrators are free to organize around a core mission and can control their own budget, specify their own teaching methods and hire and fire their own staff.

In exchange for this freedom, however, charter schools must prove they are attracting students and produce what the state refers to as "positive results" within five years or face denial of charter renewal.

Lima said the process to get SOKA up and running began last July.

"The Founding Group of the Academy currently consists of 16 members from the community — parents, educators, school administrators, professionals and community activists," she wrote in an e-mail. "Founding Group members are highly motivated and committed to the development of the Academy. [More than] 350 residents of the target districts have signed a petition in support of the Academy."

If SOKA's charter is approved, the school would open initially to 368 students in Grades 6-9. Those numbers would then extend to 585 in Grades 6-12 as the school moved to full capacity.

SOKA bills itself as a college-preparatory school focusing on producing graduates with "a solid academic foundation in math, science, technology and humanities."

Multi-year high school courses would begin in the middle school and particular emphasis would be placed on advanced mathematics, chemistry, biology, physics and computer science.

Students would also have the option to specialize in certain "pathways" in high school, including math-science and the humanities.

Value-creating philosophies fostering academic success, personal responsibility, respect and peaceful conflict resolution would also be emphasized, Lima said.

Last month the state announced three finalists — SOKA, the Gloucester Community Arts Charter School (serving Grades K-8 in Gloucester) and Rediscovery Academy Charter School (located in Waltham and serving Grades 9-12 statewide).

Because of last week's storm outages, attempts to reach Leicester School Department representatives were unsuccessful.

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essays, stories and poems written by local students

Letters to Santa

The following letters were written by pupils in Mrs. Kennen's first-grade class at Lake Street School in Spencer.

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? Can I have a magic kit maybe I will leave you some cookies and a glass of milk.
Thank you.
Love,
Zachary

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? How are the reindeer? I want a wii and a stuffed animal and a littlest pet shop fitness club!
Thank you!
Love,
Morgan Girard

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a DS and a blue Webkin Fish for Christmas.
See you at Christmas.
Love,
Nicholas

Dear Santa,
How are you?
Is your sleigh ready?
I want a D.S.
Love,
Ryan

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? Are you busy making toys Santa? I would like lego stars wars please.
Thank you,
Love,
Andrew

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are you busy? I would like a cellphone. Thank you.
Love,
Emma

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus and Rudolph? I want a cell phone, a real one please!
Love,
Katelyn

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I want an I Pod. Thank you.
Love,
Taylor

Dear Santa Claus,
How you doing Santa? I want an I pod for Christmas.
Thank you,
From
Alexander

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa and the reindeer? I would like a DS for Christmas. Have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Lauren

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are the reindeer? How are the elves? How is Mrs. Claus? I want Mickey Mouse people please.
Love,
Austin

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Rudolph? I want a Spyro set please.
Thank you Santa.
Love,
Elizabeth

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? I want a Nintendo DS and I want a Game Boy. I want a Wii and toys. Thank you!
Love,
Tyler M.

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I would like a toy m&m car.
Thank you.
Sydney

Dear Santa,
Would you bring me a Wii. I want a DS and a Game Boy. I'm going to leave you some cookies and some carrots for Rudolph and the reindeer.
Thank you.
Love,
Tyler

Dear Santa,
How are you and Rudolph? I would like a real puppy and a cell phone for Christmas.
Thank you.
Love,
Ashlyn

Dear Santa Claus,
Are you busy making Hot Wheels? I would like a Hot Wheel video game. Thank you!
Love,
Emmanuel

Dear Santa,
How are you and reindeers doing so far? Are you busy making toys for Christmas? When are you bringing them? I want a Wii and a DS with Star Wars the Klone Wars video game. Thank you.
Love,
Daniel

Dear Santa,
How are Rudolph and the elves? I would like an XBox 300 video game, Legos and Indiana Jones, please. Thank you.
Love,
Edward

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a D.S. for Christmas.
Thank you.
Love,
Brodey

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I would like an I Pod please.
Thank you!
See you at Christmas!
Love,
Chris

Dear Santa,
How are you and the reindeer? I would like to get a cell phone and a blue I Pod and a Wii Fit, please.
Love,
Malorie

Letters to Santa

The following letters were written by pupils in Marilyn Baron's fourth-grade class at West Brookfield Elementary School.

Dear Santa,
How was your vacation? You must be very busy preparing for Christmas Eve. How are your reindeer? I really want to know how Rudolph is doing. I hope I see him on Christmas Eve?
Love,
Jacob Giguere

Dear Santa,
How is Vixon doing? I like the presents you gave me last year. Tell Mrs. Claus I said, "Hi, Happy Holidays." I hope you liked the milk and cookies I leave for you. I never forget about them.
Love,
Lexi Mendenhall

Dear Santa,
I want to thank you for the past Christmases, and all the hard work you have done for me. I have to ask you a question, Have I been good this year? Do you think you could get me a new basketball? Also, I'd like as many Titanic books as you can carry for research.
I hope your reindeer are doing fine. Is Rudolph ready to go? The cookies are going to be awesome. And the carrots will be fresh. Tell the reindeer I said, "Good luck!" And good luck to you, too, Santa.
Sincerely,
Daniel Para
P.S. How does your sleigh work? How do you fit all the toys in your sack?

Dear Santa,
Sorry to bother you, but I'd like to thank you for all the presents I got last year. I love my alleycat Webkins. I named my FurBerry Tangerine. All I really want this year for Christmas is the American Girl doll, Mia.
From,
Catherine Cancelmo

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing Christmas to West Brookfield, MA. Thank you for all the gifts and goodies. Christmas isn't about the gifts, it's about being with family and friends.
I try to be on my best behavior. My dogs are very excited about the snow. I love setting up the tree. When it's all done it looks so pretty. I love hearing the bells on your sleigh. Singing Christmas carols, building snowmen, and drinking hot cocoa are three things I love to do this time of year.
The one thing I would really love for Christmas is an American Girl doll named Mia. On Christmas morning, I'm usually awake by 3:00 a.m., but my parents won't let me get up until 6, so I try to go back to sleep, read a book, or watch TV.
Here's a quick question for you: How long have you been known as Santa Claus? My whole family believes in you.
I absolutely love Christmas and the winter. Mom grumbles about being cold, when my dad and I are melting. Winter is the best time of year.
Sincerely,
Annie Turnbull

Dear Santa,
Sorry to bother you. Thank you for my gifts last year. I know you are busy making toys for boys and girls this year. Say HI for me to all your reindeer. I wonder how you get around so quickly in 24 hours. I really do not need much this year. I am getting really excited for this year. The only thing I really need is a great Christmas!
Sincerely,
Emily Bouchard

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all my toys from last year. They were awesome. I hope you have a great Christmas this year. May I please have a DS for Christmas? I love you. You're awesome. Thank you for bringing Christmas in to our lives.
Love,
Mia Wilbur

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all my toys this past Christmas. I love them. I hope you have a great Christmas because you are fun. I love getting together with my family. Can I see your reindeer sometime? Please! I love them so much. May I please meet them? I love you, too.
Love,
Sarah Pratt

Winter

BY CATHERINE CANCELMO
GRADE 4, WEST BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Water is colder than usual,
I am fascinated by winter.
New people are in the parlor,
Timid people with tears in their
Eyes, windows are etched in frost
Rising winds blast a draft.

BY DANIEL PARA
GRADE 4, WEST BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Winter is fun, snow for everyone,
I'm fascinated by snow's wet, cold fun.
No, I'm not timid around Santa Claus.
Terror comes with strong blizzards.
Every draft of my Christmas list counts!
Reindeer are very exciting.

BY SHAYLAH DORMAN
GRADE 4, WEST BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Wonderful
Intense
Not a big chance of going to school
so kids are fascinated
Terror when snowballs
are flying all around
Etched into Christmas ornaments
f***R***ost!

BY MIA WILBUR
GRADE 4, WEST BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Wonderful frost
Intense, crisp drafts
Nothing like Christmas to fascinate children
Three children huddle under blankets
Every snowball brings terror
Riding sleds

BY ANDREW FOUNTAIN
GRADE 4, WEST BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

When the frost comes,
I'm very fascinated.
New terror is in a snowball.
The drafts are colder.
Etching my name in the snow, I
Remember the timid people in the parlor.

BY EMILY BOUCHARD
GRADE 4, WEST BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Wishing the terror of winter was over
In the parlor, the Christmas tree is not lit.
Near the window, I feel a draft.
Too timid to leave the house,
Exciting things all December long
Rapidly, frost covers the windows.

Christmas Poem

BY CONOR NICKERSON

At Christmas time, there's lots of joy,
Christmas carols they will hum,
All the little girls and boys,
Knowing Saint Nicholas soon will come.

Traditions and classics and even new,
Songs, and shows, and legends grew,
For right now here are a few:

Rudolph, Dasher, Prancer and the rest will fly,
Guiding old Santa Clause in the sky,
Heat and snow miser,
Fight snow and fire,
And you can't get the Red Ryder (You'll shoot out your eye)

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Holy Rosary Church project scaled back, but will proceed

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revamp its construction plans, according to Hoey, to do the work in three phases.

The first will be to build new bathrooms in the basement, with the second being renovating the kitchen space. The last phase will be installing a new elevator to allow the many handicapped parishioners to access every floor of the church. Parish members approved the plan at a Nov. 23 meeting.

"This way we don't have to borrow any money or incur any interest," Mina said.

The poor economic conditions were also a contributing factor in creating the phasing plan, Hoey said.

The work is scheduled to be performed during the next four and a half years, Mina said, with each phase starting as the pledged money is collected. The project bids have not been awarded yet, but are scheduled to be discussed at the next meeting of the committee. The money raised will also be used to pay off roof repairs and new gutters that have already been completed, Mina said.

Originally, the parish planned to borrow the money and do all the work at once, according to Mina. He stressed the church still plans to do exactly the same work as before the fiscal plans were modified.

News of the situation indicates a strong outlook for the church, according to Mina, which will allow it to more easily accommodate its programs.

"We have ... a very bright future," Mina said. "I think the future bodes very positive[ly] for the parish. It is a magnet. It is one of the stronger churches in the region."

The renovations will make the church more easily accessible, as many children are involved with the church.

"We have a lot of adults that are joining the faith as well," Mina said.

The new facilities should encourage more people to join the parish, according to Parish Building and Financial Committee member James A. Pervier. He also serves as the Charlton police chief.

"It will be a better environment for them to learn about their respective religion," he said. "Physical plant ... is very important."

Holy Rosary Church dates back to the 1800s, when many Irish immigrants attended it. French immigrants who attended Holy Rosary Church broke off and formed St. Mary's Church next door in the 1860s.

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OBITUARIES

Lionel A. Aucoin, 96

SPENCER — Lionel A. Aucoin, 96, of Chestnut Street, died Thursday, Dec. 11 at Life Care Center of Auburn.

He was the husband of Irene B. (Collette) Aucoin, who died in 1989.

He leaves a son, Ronald J. Aucoin, and a daughter, Suzanne M. Hanson, and her husband, Robert, all of Spencer; four grandchildren, Kristian Hanson and his wife, Christine, of Paxton, Nels Hanson and his fiancée, Suzanne Murphy, of Mystic, Conn., Matthew Hanson and his wife, Lisa, of Bellingham and Amy Hanson and her fiancé, Paul Brower, of Auburn; five great-grandsons, Aidan, Noah, Jake, Tristan and Corey; nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by brothers Herve and Harold Aucoin.

Mr. Aucoin was a licensed insurance agent and owned and operated Aucoin Bros. Insurance in Spencer for 35 years, before retiring in 1973. At one time he also was a real estate agent.

Born in Spencer, he was the son of Frank and Rose (Lamoureux) Aucoin. He graduated from David Prouty High School and Becker Business College in Worcester.

He loved music and was a saxophone player and stamp collector. He was a member of Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish and the Spencer Chapter of AARP.

The funeral was held Monday, Dec. 15 from the J.Henri Morin & Son Funeral Home, 23 Maple Terrace, Spencer, with a Mass in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer.

Contributions may be made to the Life Care Center of Auburn Patient Activity Account, 14 Masonic Circle, Auburn, MA 01501.

Janice C. Champigny, 48

WARREN — Janice C. (Leach) Champigny, of Warren, passed away Friday, Dec. 12, surrounded by her loving children and family, after a brief illness.

She leaves her husband, Andre, and her three children, Mark R. LaViolette Jr. of Warren, Jesslyn G. LaViolette of Worcester and William J. LaViolette of Ft. Campbell, Ky. She also leaves three brothers, David Urban of Webster, Martin Urban and his wife, Nancy, of Warren and Roger Leach and his wife, Mary Lou, of Franklin, N.H. She also leaves many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends.

Janice was born in Ware on May 5, 1960 of her parents Doris and Everett Leach and lived in Warren her whole life. She graduated from Quaboag Regional High School in 1978. She worked many years at the William E. Wright Company, and also at Karl Storz Endovision Inc. in Charlton.

Janice loved the outdoors and often spent time hiking and camping at her family camp in Waterville Valley, N.H., with her two faithful dogs, Molly and Sammy.

A prayer service was held Wednesday, Dec. 17 in Pillsbury Funeral Home, Route 9/Old West Brookfield Road, Brookfield.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 7 Oak St., Worcester, MA 01609.

Pauline E. Early, 85

LEICESTER — Pauline E. (Stone) Early, 85, of Chapel Street in the Cherry Valley section of Leicester, died Saturday, Dec. 13 at Life Care Center of Auburn.

She was the wife of George F. Early, who died in 1997.

She leaves her son, George Parkin Sr., and his fiancée, Carolyn Wood, of Cherry Valley; five daughters, Pauline Veroneau and her husband, David, of Coosby, Ore., Winifred Johnson and her husband, Edwin, of Spencer, Jacklynn Howard and her husband, Donald, of Spencer, Jane Desrosiers-Imbody and her husband, Leonard, of Cherry Valley and Dorothy Grenon of Auburn; a sister, Jane Kibby of Fargo, Fla.; 16 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by a daughter, Kathleen Early of Upton, in 1954, brothers George, Steven, Leroy and Robert Stone and a sister, Dorothy Cocker.

Pauline was an avid bingo player, and enjoyed crossword puzzles and playing cribbage.

Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of Theodore and Jane E. (Sweeney) Stone and lived in North Brookfield before moving here in 1964.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 17 in the Morin-Morrison Funeral Home, 1131 Main St., Leicester. Burial followed in Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton.

Contributions may be made to The Mercy Center, 25 Westchester St., Worcester, MA 01605. www.morin-morrison.com

John J. Ingalls, 90

LEICESTER — John J. Ingalls, 90, of Worcester passed away Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the Jewish Health Center after suffering a stroke.

The past four years he made his home at the Eisenberg Assisted Living Facility. Prior to moving there, he lived in Auburn and Leicester for many years before moving to Port Charlotte, Fla., for his retirement years.

He was born in Sherman, Maine, the son of James and Laura (Buzzell) Ingalls. He attended Sherman High School, graduating with honors. Prior to the start of World War II, he worked in the shipyards in South Portland, Maine. In 1944 he entered the Army and served as a sharpshooter overseas. While fighting south of the Battle of the Bulge, he was wounded in battle by enemy gunfire, earning him the Purple Heart. Following the war, he moved to Worcester County, where he worked as a foreman at New England High Carbon Wire, retiring in 1978.

He is predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Ruth (Bergstrom) Ingalls, as well as by his seven siblings.

He is survived by his daughter, Anita Bishop of Bellevue, Neb., and his son, Doug Ingalls of Rochdale.

Private graveside services will be held at the convenience of the family. Pillsbury Funeral Hone, 163 Main St., Spencer, is directing arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to N.E.A.D.S., P.O. Box 213, West Boylston, MA 01583 for the training of dogs for the hard of hearing and handicapped, or to a charity of one's choice.

Sylvia G. Lechner

EAST BROOKFIELD — Sylvia G. (Prizio) Lechner, of Main Street, passed away Dec. 7 at home, surrounded by her family.

She was predeceased by her husband, Robert Lechner.

She leaves a brother, Gerald A. Prizio, and a sister, Claire M. Prizio, both of East Brookfield, and many nieces and nephews.

Sylvia was born in Brookfield, the daughter of the late Charles and Alice (Varone) Prizio. She lived in Washington, D.C., and Florida before moving here. Sylvia worked as a secretary for the United States Veterans Administration for many years.

A memorial service was held Friday, Dec. 12 in Pillsbury Funeral Home, Route 9 and Old West Brookfield Road, Brookfield. Burial followed in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery in Spencer.

Donations may be made in her memory to VNA Care Hospice, 120 Thomas St., Worcester, MA 01608-1280.

Joseph G. Plante, 56

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Joseph G. Plante, 56, of Bigelow Street, died Wednesday, Dec. 10 in Bolton Manor Nursing Home in Marlborough after an illness.

He is survived by two brothers, Thomas E. Plante of North Brookfield and Daniel J. Plante of Worcester; a sister, Dorothy E. Plante of Auburn; a sister-in-law, Gail M. Plante of North Brookfield; two nieces, Carey and Alicia; and his former wife, Sharon Plante of West Chicago, Ill.

He was born in Worcester, the son of Gerard E. and Mary (Sheehan) Plante, and graduated from South High School in Worcester.

Joseph was a 2nd Class Petty Officer in the Navy and a veteran of Vietnam, and was an original crewmember aboard the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Nimitz, retiring in 1991. He was a member of the Sawyer Mathieu-Kearns American Legion Post 41 in North Brookfield. For many years he volunteered in a hospital in Dallas, Texas.

The funeral for Joseph was held Tuesday, Dec. 16 from the Miles Funeral Home, 1158 Main St., Holden. Burial followed in Mooreland Cemetery in Paxton.

Donations may be made to the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts, 30 Lyman St., Suite 10, Westborough, MA 01581.

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Robert T. Jefferson Sr., 75

BROOKFIELD — Robert T. Jefferson Sr., 75, of Brookfield passed away Sunday, Nov. 30, surrounded by his loved ones at the Overlook Masonic Health Center in Charlton, after a courageous battle with cancer.

His wife of 51 years, Barbara A. Jefferson, died in 2003.

He was predeceased by a brother and two sisters.

Born in Worcester on Dec. 26, 1932, he moved his family from Worcester to Brookfield in 1961.

He is survived by his son, Robert T. Jefferson Jr.; a daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Jefferson; a daughter, Dianne L. Cross; and a son-in-law, Jeff Cross, all of Brookfield. Additionally, Mr. Jefferson had three grandchildren, Shea Jefferson of Perkiominville, Pa., Melissa Caito of Whitinsville and Jenna Cross of Charlton. He also had two great-grandchildren, Thomas Caito III and Callanan Caito.

Mr. Jefferson was a world-renowned expert on vintage Rolls-Royce and Bentley automobiles. He owned and operated Sports Classics Ltd., a business dedicated to the restoration of Rolls-Royce and Bentley motorcars. He loved working on these cars, and he often said his work was his hobby.

Funeral services are private, and in lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society, 7 Oak St., Worcester, MA 01609.

Pillsbury Funeral Home, Old West Brookfield Road, is directing arrangements.

George R. Livernois, 83

SOUTHBRIDGE — George R. Livernois, 83, of Fairmont Avenue, died Sunday, Dec. 14 at home after an illness.

He leaves his wife of 62 years, Christine L. (Augusto) Livernois. They were married Jan. 19, 1946.

He is survived by a son, Clifford, and his wife, Ann Livernois, of Southbridge; six grandchildren, Lori A. Duff of Warren, Michelle L. Caplette of Leicester, Michael Livernois of Dudley, and Vicky Mominee, Shawn Livernois and Lisa Maysonet, all of Southbridge, and 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, Joseph Livernois of Southbridge; three sisters, Gertrude and her husband, Arthur Meredith, of Southbridge, Theresa and her husband, Normand Capistrand, of Southbridge and Louise and her husband, Robert Lavallee, of Torrance, Calif.; and a daughter-in-law, Paulette (St. Martin) Livernois of Southbridge.

He was predeceased by a son, Robert Livernois, who died Jan. 10, 2001.

He was born in North Woodstock, Conn., son of Armand and Lorina (LaRochelle) Livernois, and lived here most of his life. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving on the USS Nitro. He was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church and the USS Nitro Association. He also retired from the American Optical Co., where he worked for many years.

The funeral was Thursday, Dec. 18 from Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy St., Southbridge, with a Mass in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 30 Charlton St. Burial was in Saint Mary's Cemetery.

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Kathleen McDavitt, 77

WORCESTER/KENNEBUNK, Maine — Kathleen (O'Connor) McDavitt, 77, formerly of Chickadee Lane, Kennebunk, died in Rose Monahan Hospice Home in Worcester after a courageous battle with Lou Gehrig's disease.

She was born in Providence, R.I., the daughter of William Harold "Skip" and Blanche (Silvy) O'Connor, and resided in Pascoag and Burrillville, R.I., before moving to Concord in 1946 and Worcester in 1952.

She is survived by her two sons, John W. McDavitt and his wife, Lisa, of East Brookfield and Thomas McDavitt and his wife, Cynthia, of Holden; a daughter, Patricia Sauriol, and her husband, Thomas, of Englewood, Fla., and Moultonborough, N.H.; a brother, Neil O'Connor, and his wife, Nancy, of Oro Valley, Ariz.; a sister, Marion O'Connor of Shirley; eight grandchildren, Bryan, Erynn, Connor, and Kailee McDavitt, Andrew Dawson, and Matthew and Danielle Sauriol; her former husband, John W. McDavitt; and special friends, Carole Carmichael and Ruth Silver.

She was predeceased by her daughter, Maureen Dawson, who died in 2004, and a grandson, Shawn McDavitt, in 1991.

Kathleen graduated from Concord High School in Concord in 1948 and from St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing in Worcester in 1951. In 1981 she received her degree in Nursing Administration from Anna Maria College in Paxton. She was a head nurse and staff nurse for the American Red Cross Blood Services from 1965-1993. Previously she was a registered nurse at Emerson Hospital in Concord and St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester.

Kathleen was a former volunteer for the FISH and Books on Call in Kennebunk, Maine, and most recently volunteered for the Southern Maine Visiting Nurses and Beacon Hospice. She was a member of the Senior Center of Kennebunk, Friends of the Kennebunk Library, St. Vincent Alumni Association, Massachusetts Genealogical Association, Maine Genealogical Association, Maine History Center, Franco-American Genealogical Association, Shawl Group and Small Group at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Kennebunk. She loved being with her family, reading, music and doing family history. She especially enjoyed the ocean in Maine. She was an avid Red Sox fan, especially of Dustin Pedroia.

The family would like to thank her dedicated caregivers, the staff of Home Instead in Maine, the Knollwood Nursing Center in Worcester and the VNA Hospice Network of Central Massachusetts.

The funeral for Kathleen was held Saturday, Dec. 13 from the Miles Funeral Home, 1158 Main St., Holden, with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. George's Church, 38 Brattle St., Worcester. Burial will be private in Pine Hill Cemetery in Wells, Maine.

Donations may be made to eHope Foundation, P.O. Box 7794, Portland, ME 04112 (info@eHope.nu).

www.milesfuneralhome.com

Paul B. Mountain, 64

WEST BROOKFIELD — Paul B. Mountain left his pain behind early on the morning of Dec. 8, leaving the memory of his warm love with those he left behind.

He was born in Worcester on Oct. 15, 1944, son of Harold and Lillian (Greene) Mountain, and grew up on "Airport Hill" near Tatnuck Square. He and his first wife, Susan, lived in Westborough and later North Brookfield. When his family was young, he served in the Army Reserves, and then earned an associate's degree in Electronic Engineering from Worcester Junior College and attended Worcester Industrial Technical Institute and Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Most of his career was spent in Plant Engineering in the wire industry in Worcester, including more than 20 years of service at GF Wright Steel & Wire Company and then at Concord Wire. He recently retired from H&R 1871 in Gardner, where he shared some of his vast knowledge and made more good friends.

He has lived in West Brookfield for the past 15 years with his wife and best friend, Gladys Mountain. Together they helped to raise four beautiful children into adulthood, who in turn have blessed them with 11 grandchildren and one and a half great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his son, Thomas, and wife Reagan of Wake Forest, N.C., and their beautiful children October, Mercy, Isabel and Keeper; daughter Rebecca Mountain of Orange, the true love of his life; son George Nolette IV of North Brookfield, his wife, Tina, and sons Seth and Jacob; and daughter Sherry Sardi, her husband, Chris, and children Amanda, Heather, Shannon, Ian and Amellia of Eastford, Conn. He also leaves two brothers, William of Florida and Maine, and Peter of Worcester, and sister Linda of Worcester, along with their families.

He was predeceased by three sisters, Joan, Jill and Jean.

All who knew Paul will remember his kind and gentle spirit, unwavering honesty and patience. We have been blessed knowing him.

A funeral service for Paul was held Saturday, Dec. 13 in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the West Brookfield Rescue Squad, Inc., P.O. Box 540, West Brookfield, MA 01585.

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FRIDAY
December 19

CABARET NIGHT will begin at 7 p.m. in the David Prouty High School cafeteria, 302 Main St. (Route 9), Spencer. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. This evening of holiday music will showcase the entire chorus, which numbers of nearly 100 students. Cabaret Night, which has been a successful music department fund raiser for some 30 years, will also include the Concert Band. Each ensemble will be showcased, with several selections combining the talents of both groups completing the evening. Light refreshments will be available, with all proceeds benefiting the Music Department. Ticket prices remain at $5, unchanged since the fundraiser started in 1978. Reservations are strongly suggested and may be made by contacting the main office at (508) 885-8505.

LEICESTER LIONS CLUB will be holding its Christmas Pitch Party at 7 p.m. at the Leicester Senior Center, 40 Winslow Ave., Leicester. Admission is $4 plus a non-perishable food item. All proceeds will benefit the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund and the Leicester Community.

"MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET" will be staged at 8 p.m. at Stageloft Repertory Theater, 450A Main St. (Route 20), Sturbridge. Tickets are $16 for adults, $14 for seniors 65 and over, and $8 for students under 14. For information and reservations, call the theater at (508) 347-9005. Stageloft Rep is fully handicapped accessible.

SATURDAY
December 20

NORTH BROOKFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the group's new location, the lower level of the Historic Walker Block, 215 North Main St., next to the Town Hall. Stop in for some cider and cookies, and then check out the recent additions to the society's collection while looking for that special gift for the history lover. Books, maps and prints of local historical interest will be for sale during the open house.

THIRD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ON THE COMMON, hosted by the North Brookfield High School Student Council and North Brookfield Playground Committee, will be held from noon to 3 p.m. on the North Brookfield Town Common. In case of rain, it will be held in the North Brookfield Elementary School Cafeteria. Last year, more than 150 children attended and spirits were high, as kids of all ages lined up to have their picture taken with Old St. Nick. The members of the Student Council were fantastic as they played games and socialized with all of the visitors, as they feasted on hot dogs and hot chocolate. Six bicycles, four basketballs and four baseball gloves were given away, as well as many other donated prizes. Each kid left with his or her stocking full of goodies. The committee is accepting donations of prizes to give away or cash donations to help defray the cost of the food and stocking stuffers again this year. To donate, contact Richard LeBlanc at (508) 867-2134 or leblancr@vibram.us.

"MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET" will be staged at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Stageloft Repertory Theater, 450A Main St. (Route 20), Sturbridge. Tickets are $16 for adults, $14 for seniors 65 and over, and $8 for students under 14. For information and reservations, call the theater at (508) 347-9005. Stageloft Rep is fully handicapped accessible.

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"CHRISTMAS IS BORN," a pageant of wonder and joy, will be presented by the choir and friends at the Brookfield Congregational Church at 7 p.m. Snow date is 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21. The story, written and directed by Judy Hoffsommer, begins in a grandpa's rocking chair, then goes behind the scenes in heaven to find out why Christmas was born. Admission is free. For more information, call the church office at (508) 867-6262.

David Dore photo

AN AWARD-WINNING CARD

SPENCER — Christine LaCroix, left, a seventh-grader at Knox Trail Junior High School, received Honorable Mention in state Sen. Stephen M. Brewer's 12th Annual Christmas Card Contest, as well as a $25 check from the senator, right, on Tuesday, Dec. 9. According to Brewer, 1,300 entries were submitted for the contest, and Emily Arsenault from Ruggles Lane School in Barre was the winner. Her entry will be sent to hundreds of people on the Brewer family's Christmas card mailing list.

SUNDAY
December 21

"CHRISTMAS SPIRIT," an original Christmas program written by Gina Rondeau and presented by the Leicester Church of Christ, will begin at 1 p.m. at the Leicester Senior Center, 40 Winslow Ave., Leicester. For more information, call the Senior Center at (508) 892-7016.

"MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET" will be staged at 2 p.m. at Stageloft Repertory Theater, 450A Main St. (Route 20), Sturbridge. Tickets are $16 for adults, $14 for seniors 65 and over, and $8 for students under 14. For information and reservations, call the theater at (508) 347-9005. Stageloft Rep is fully handicapped accessible.

CAMP MARSHALL CLOVERS 4-H CLUB will meet from 3-5 p.m. at Camp Marshall in Spencer. The group meets once a month to create crafts and perform community service projects. All kids aged 5-18 are welcome to join. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. Call Lorraine Kiritsis at the Worcester 4-H office to register at (508) 831-1223, or e-mail Ginny Openshaw at volunteers4h@aol.com to register or request information.

MONDAY
December 22

OPEN HOUSE WITH POTLUCK BRUNCH will begin at 9 a.m. at the West Brookfield Senior Center, 73 Central St., West Brookfield. Under the direction of Jim Joinville, Quaboag Regional Middle/High School students will perform a short Christmas concert. (Entertainment made possible by the West Brookfield Cultural Council.) The Silver Tones will perform at 10 a.m., followed by TRIAD at 11 a.m. Sign up at the Senior Center or by calling (508) 867-1407.

TUESDAY
December 23

ANNUAL ALUMNI DAY will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the David Prouty High School cafeteria. This is an opportunity for David Prouty alumni to share their post-graduate experiences, give advice and/or inspire current students. Those planning to attend should contact Nicole Jyringi at (508) 885-8505 or jyringin@seb.k12.ma.us. All are welcome.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP CHAT with Chris MacWade, LICSW, from Family Services of Central Massachusetts will be held from 3-4 p.m. Learn about coping skills. Individuals who provide care to older relatives, partners and friends, "You Don't Have to Go It Alone!" Whether you are an adult child of aging parents or the spouse of an ailing elderly partner this group will offer you the opportunity to share your journey with peers. Bring your own questions. To attend, go to www.SeniorConnection.org and click on "Connection for Caregivers." Then click on "Support Groups & Chats" and create a new account. Send an e-mail to CMAAging@SeniorConnection.org stating your interest in attending, and a confirmation e-mail will be sent. On the day of the event, log in using your new username and password and select the session you want to attend. This is a free service from the Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging.

CRAFTING GROUP will meet from 6-8 p.m. in the undercroft of Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, corner of Main and Spring streets, North Brookfield. Bring a current project with you or something you would like to learn. The group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information, call Connie at (508) 867-6535, Lois at (508) 867-8339 or Van at (508) 347-9326.

WEDNESDAY
December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE will begin at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of North Brookfield. This service will include some wonderful special music and a Christmas Pageant, and will close with a carol sing by candlelight. The church is located in the center of North Brookfield, just north of Hannaford Supermarket. For more information, call (508) 867-8428 or (508) 867-7214.

SATURDAY
December 27

MOVIE NIGHT, hosted by the Richard Sugden Library's Young Adult Connection (Grades 7-12), will begin at 7 p.m. at the library, 8 Pleasant St. (Route 31), Spencer. The feature presentation will be "The Dark Knight," rated PG-13. For more information, call (508) 885-7513.

MONDAY
December 29

SENIOR BOOK CLUB will meet at 1 p.m. at the Leicester Senior Center, 40 Winslow Ave., Leicester. The book to be discussed will be "Ghost Ship" by Brian Hicks. For more information, call the Senior Center at (508) 892-7016.

"HAPPY HANUKKAH" PROGRAM will begin at 2 p.m. in the Children's Room at the Richard Sugden Library, 8 Pleasant St. (Route 31), Spencer. There will be stories about Hanukkah and a marshmallow snowman craft. For more information, call the library at (508) 885-7513.

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP, the Worcester West chapter of ANAD (Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders), will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. in the basement of Christ Memorial Church, at the corner of Spring Street and Route 67 in North Brookfield. This group is for people who have concerns about themselves, a friend or a family member. Come alone or bring someone for support. Informational materials are provided. The group meets the second Thursday and the last Monday of each month. For more information, visit http://www.anad.org/site/anadweb, or send a confidential e-mail to shame2hope@yahoo.com.

TUESDAY
December 30

"MUSIC FOR EVERYONE," a concert by Dave Andrews presented by the Senior Nutrition Program, will be held at 11 a.m. in the Howe Village Community Room in Spencer. This will be the New Year's party, with lunch served at noon. For lunch reservations, call Nancy at (508) 885-3904. The concert is sponsored by Lincoln Hill Manor, Tri-Valley Senior Nutrition Center, the Spencer Housing Authority, Fred Cormier, FLEXcon and Pillsbury Funeral Home. It is supported in part by a grant from the Spencer Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

BABYSITTING CLASS for 11- to 14-year-olds will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Conference Room II at Harrington Memorial Hospital, South Street, Southbridge. The cost is $40 per student. This one-day class includes American Heart Association CPR for Family and Friends. Space is limited, so register early. For more information, call the Health Education Department at (508) 765-3050.

"OLD AND NEW" PROGRAM will be held from 2-3 p.m. in the Children's Room at the Richard Sugden Library, 8 Pleasant St. (Route 31), Spencer. Listen to a classic old story and a brand new one. Share a favorite memory from this year, and something you're looking forward to next year. Make a marshmallow snowman to bring home. For more information, call the library at (508) 885-7513.

WEDNESDAY
December 31

MOVIE MATINEE will be held from 12:45-2:30 p.m. in the Children's Room at the Richard Sugden Library, 8 Pleasant St. (Route 31), Spencer. The movie will be viewer's choice, "Happy Feet" or "Prancer." For more information, call the library at (508) 885-7513.

"THE SIDE DOOR COFFEEHOUSE AND OPEN MIC" will be open from 7-11 p.m. at the Oakham Congregational Church, 6 Coldbrook Road, Oakham. Local musicians and singers are invited to perform in an open mic format. A freewill donation will benefit the Outreach Fund. For more information, call Dennis Delagorgendiere at (508) 882-3864 (evenings).

HAYLOFT STEPPERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB will hold a New Year's Eve dance from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at 232 Podunk Road in Sturbridge. The caller will be Bob Butler, and the cuer will be Leo Boudreau. Admission is $8 per person. Before the dance, there will be a potluck supper from 7:30-8:30 p.m.; call Deanna at (413) 436-7849 to coordinate food items. For information on the club's next beginner class, call Moe at (508) 867-8036.

SUNDAY
January 4

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE will begin at 5 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 36 North Main St. (Route 67), West Brookfield. This service includes contemporary praise music led by Ginny Bailey on the piano, Pastor Lisa Durkee Abbott on guitar, Wally Hall on the drums, Jeremy Kaplan on bass guitar and Mike Spencer on the trumpet. The service also includes prayer, the reading of scripture, and communion. All are invited to come and worship in a new and lively way.

TUESDAY
January 6

CHOLESTEROL SCREENING, provided by Baystate Mary Lane Hospital, will be held from 8-9 a.m. at the West Brookfield Senior Center, 73 Central St., West Brookfield. For more information, call the Senior Center at (508) 867-1407.

FRIDAY
January 9

STATE REP. JOHN BINIENDA (D-Worcester) will hold office hours in Leicester from 10 a.m. to noon in the first floor conference room at the Leicester Police Department, 90 South Main St. (Route 9). Constituents not able to make those hours should contact Binienda's State House office at (617) 722-2320.

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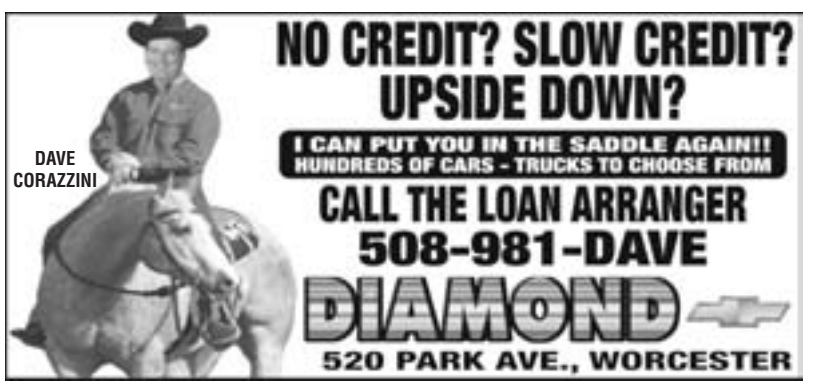
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OBITUARIES

Kenneth H. Noble, 80

WEST BROOKFIELD — Kenneth H. Noble, 80, of East Main Street, died Friday, Dec. 12 in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield after a short illness.

He leaves his wife of 50 years, Joanne V. (Briggs) Noble; a sister, Bessie Davis of California; and several nieces and nephews.

He was born and grew up in California and has lived in West Brookfield since 1970. Mr. Noble served in the United States Army for 20 years as a medic and later worked for 17 years as a nurse's aide at Westborough State Hospital before retiring.

A funeral service for Ken was held Thursday, Dec. 18 in the First Congregational Church, 36 North Main St., West Brookfield. Burial will be held in the spring in Pine Grove Cemetery.

Memorial donations in his memory may be made to the First Congregational Church, P.O. Box 371, West Brookfield, MA 01585.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield, is directing arrangements.

Joseph H. Quinn, 85

WALTHAM — Mr. Joseph H. Quinn of Waltham died Monday, Nov. 24 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital after a battle with cancer. He was 85.

Born and raised in Waltham, a son of the late Warren and Lucille (Gentes) Quinn, Joe was a lifelong resident of Waltham and was a graduate of Saint Charles High School.

Until his retirement, Joe worked for many years at the Reece Corporation, and following his retirement he worked at Baybank. During World War II, Joe served with the United States Army.

Joe was the brother of the late Dorothy McKenzie.

Joe leaves his wife of 60 years, Barbara M. (Robinson) Quinn; two sons, Waltham Deputy Fire Chief Michael J. Quinn and his fiancé, Karen Quagliozzi, of Harvard and Mark S. Quinn of Waltham; one sister, Margie Lapierre of Spencer; three grandsons, Michael Quinn Jr. and his wife, Trisha, of Marlboro, Matthew Quinn and his wife, Melissa, of Canton, and Timothy Quinn and his wife, Chrissy, of North Attleboro; four great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was offered Friday, Dec. 5 at Saint Mary's Church in Waltham. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Rev. Robert P. Reed, Catholic TV, 34 Chestnut St., P.O. Box 9196, Watertown, MA 02471.

Mario Valenti, 82

ROCHDALE — Mario Valenti of Rochdale passed away peacefully Tuesday, Dec. 9, 82 years to the day of his birth, after suffering a series of strokes.

Mario was born Dec. 9, 1935 in Worcester, a son of Loreto and Adelaida (DeAngelis) Valenti. He attended Worcester Public Schools, served in the South Pacific with the U.S. Navy during World War II and has lived here most of his life.

Mario is survived by three brothers, Armand Valenti in Florida, John Valenti of Milford and James Valenti of South Yarmouth, and many nieces and nephews.

Three sisters, Sally Valanti, Helen Hastings and Mary DiVerdi, and two brothers, Louis and Frank Valenti, all predeceased him.

Mario worked as a carpenter in the Worcester area for many years before retiring.

Funeral services and burial will be held at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions in Mario's name may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

The Mercadante Funeral Home & Chapel, 370 Plantation St., is honored to assist the family with arrangements.

Dennis C. Quy, 84

LEICESTER — Dennis C. Quy, 84, of Clark Street in the Rochdale section of Leicester, died Sunday, Dec. 7 at The Meadows of Leicester.

He was the husband of Doreen A. (Arnold) Quy, who died in 1997.

He leaves a son, John A. Quy, and his wife, Earle, of Lansing, N.C.; a daughter, Wendy Quy-Hicks, and her husband, Walter, of Rochdale; a grandson, Ryan Quy, and his wife, Stephanie, of Denver, Colo.; granddaughters Samantha Thacker of Rochdale and Tammy Beland of Denver and her son-in-law, Chic Beland of Worcester.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Sandra Quy-Beland.

Mr. Quy worked at Robert Hall Clothes in Worcester for many years, then worked in retail management in Texas, before retiring in 1998. He served with the Royal Navy in England during World War II.

Born in Ilford, Essex, England, he was the son of Charles Guyon and Kate Selina (Floyd) Quy.

A celebration of Dennis' life was held Saturday, Dec. 13 at Hillcrest Country Club, 325 Pleasant St., Leicester.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Morin-Morrison Funeral Home, 1131 Main St., Leicester, is directing arrangements.

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John Schultz, 89

[Monica: Please run with SEN obituary flag. Thanks!]

WEST BROOKFIELD — John Schultz, 89, of Lake Shore Drive Extension, died Sunday, Dec. 7.

He leaves his wife of 69 years, Anna K. (Cichon) Schultz; one son, Joseph J. Schultz, and his wife, Carol; two grandsons, Thomas Schultz of West Brattleboro, Vt., and John J. Schultz of Westminster; and four great-grandchildren, Alexandra, Matthew, Hunter and Juleanna.

John was a veteran of World War II and for many years was actively involved in the West Brookfield Senior Center. During his retirement years, John was an avid saltwater fisherman.

Funeral services will be held privately. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the West Brookfield Rescue Squad, Inc., P.O. Box 540, West Brookfield, MA 01585.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield, is directing arrangements.

Richard L. Stone, 78

LEICESTER — Richard L. Stone, 78, of Cricklewood Drive, died Friday Dec. 5 at Radius Healthcare in Worcester.

He was the husband of Ann J. (Harris) Stone, who died Nov. 20.

He leaves his brother, Russell F. Stone of Worcester, and two nieces, Cindy A. Stone of Leicester and Debra E. Dembkowski of East Brookfield.

A brother, Kenneth Stone of Leicester, died in 1996.

Mr. Stone was a rural postal carrier for the Leicester Post Office, where he worked for 30 years, retiring in 1995.

He served his country during the Korean War with the U.S. Army.

Born in Leicester, he was the son of Francis and Evelyn (Hasking) Stone. He graduated from Leicester High School and was a member of American Legion Post 443 in Cherry Valley and the Leicester Rod & Gun Club.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 7 in the Morin-Morrison Funeral Home, 1131 Main St., Leicester. Burial of his ashes will be in Worcester County Memorial Park at the convenience of the family.

Contributions may be made to the Leicester Food Pantry, c/o St. Joseph's Church, 759 Main St., Leicester, MA 01524.

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OUR TOWNS

Toys for Joy lists recent donations

EAST BROOKFIELD/BROOKFIELD — Toys for Joy has released the latest list of donations that have been made:
• In memory of John M. Treadwell III from Beverly Treadwell and family, $50.
• Bruce McMillan, $50.
• Barbara Mundell, $50.
• To honor family and friends, in lieu of Christmas cards, from Thomas and Marie Jacques, $100.
• Michael and Louise Meyerdierks, $25.
• The Brookfield Lions Club, $400.
• David Prouty High School-Future Nurses, $25.
• Christine and Edward Carey, $50.
• Kevin and Kathleen Soucie, $100.
• Lisa and Herbert Chaffee, $50.
• Kevin P. Grace, DMD, $50.
• Fred and Arlene Schofield, $25.
• Nancy and Richard Finney, $25.
• Sara and Leo Fayard, $100.
• Marion Spink, $20.
• Gwyneth and Michael Payette, $25.
• Patricia and Peter O'Neil, $25.
• Nancy and Richard Jaskoviak, $25.
• Lamoureux Ford, Inc., $400.
• Robert and Jean Bain, $25.
• Beatrice LeDoux, $25.

Donations for both towns can be mailed to Toys for Joy, P.O. Box 575, East Brookfield, MA 01515.

Thank you to all who have donated; this will surely make the children's Christmas much brighter.

Courtesy photo

DECKING THE HALLS

WEST BROOKFIELD — A "Christmas Swag" decorating program was held recently at the Merriam-Gilbert Public Library and put on by Bemis Farms Nursery in Spencer. Pictured above are, from left, Luisa St. Jacques, Cherie St. Jacques, Tina Bemis and Merry Pellegrino.

Housing Authority receives state funding

BOSTON — Sen. Stephen M. Brewer (D-Barre) and Rep. Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) have announced that the North Brookfield Housing Authority has been awarded $33,000 in technical assistance and capital improvement bond funding.

The funding, which is dispersed by the Department of Housing and Community Development, will supplement the NBHA's capital reserves for boiler replacement and repairs at the North Main Street Development, as well as safety repairs at the Grove Street School Apartments.

The Public Housing Capital Improvement program is designed to protect the state's long-term investment in approximately 50,000 units of state-aided public housing. DHCD's Division of Public Housing and Rental Assistance, which administers this program, has the responsibility for regulatory and administrative oversight of all state-aided public housing programs which address the needs of low-income families, elderly and persons with disabilities.

Quaboag Business Network launched

Local business owners have announced the formation of a new business network. The Quaboag Business Network is forming to help support local business owners in growing their businesses.

Given the economic recession, members felt that now was an excellent time to start a new networking group. The local business owners forming the group are interested in exploring innovative new ways to grow their businesses and plan on leveraging Internet-based tools to promote their products and services to local customers. The Quaboag Business Network will also use word-of-mouth and business-to-business networking to help promote local businesses. The new group will focus on business owners in Central Massachusetts located in the communities of Charlton, Sturbridge, Southbridge, West Brookfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, Warren, Barre, Hardwick, New Braintree and Spencer.

The purpose of the new organization is threefold:
• To work collectively to promote shopping locally. This includes promoting each other's businesses through word-of-mouth advertising.
• To create a local forum to allow business owners an opportunity to share best practices, create collaborative marketing events and leverage local advertising venues.
• Leverage Internet-based technologies to increase local market penetration.

Any local business owner interested in growing their business in 2009 is encouraged to attend. The first kickoff meeting will be held from 8:30-10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9 at the Quaboag Valley Real Estate office located at 23 Fiskdale Road (the corner of Route 148 and Long Hill Road) in Brookfield. The group plans to meet on the second and fourth Friday of each month from 8:30-10 a.m. Monthly dues will be $10.

For more information, contact Michelle Terry at (508) 735-8744 or michelle0026@aol.com.

McPhersons again going 'Undercover'

SPENCER — Bob and Carol McPherson will be collecting new packages of men's and women's underwear for the 11th year. They will deliver these to the Massachusetts Veterans Shelter, Jeremiah's Inn, Abby's House and AIDS Worcester on Dec. 22. More than 2,500 packages have been delivered for the last 10 years.

Please leave them at their home, 125 Pleasant St., Spencer. If they are wrapped, please indicate the size and if they are for a man or woman.

Celebrate Christmas on NB town common

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The third annual Christmas on the Common, hosted by the North Brookfield High School Student Council and North Brookfield Playground Committee, will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 on the North Brookfield Town Common. In case of rain, it will be held in the North Brookfield Elementary School Cafeteria.

Last year, more than 150 children attended and spirits were high, as kids of all ages lined up to have their picture taken with Old St. Nick. The members of the Student Council were fantastic as they played games and socialized with all of the visitors, as they feasted on hot dogs and hot chocolate. Six bicycles, four basketballs and four baseball gloves were given away, as well as many other donated prizes. Each kid left with his or her stocking full of goodies.

The committee is accepting donations of prizes to give away or cash donations to help defray the cost of the food and stocking stuffers again this year. To donate, contact Richard LeBlanc at (508) 867-2134 or leblancr@vibram.us.

4-H Cloverbuddies seek new members

SPENCER — The Spencer Cloverbuddies 4-H Club now meets at the Richard Sugden Library in Spencer every other Tuesday from 5-6:30 p.m., and is welcoming new members 5-8 years of age. Members will be creating seasonal crafts, learning how to sew and knit and participating in community service projects.

Anyone interested in enrolling their child should contact Ginny Openshaw at (508) 885-9424 or volunteers4h@aol.com for more information.

The Cloverbuddies' next scheduled meeting at the library will be at 5 p.m. Jan. 6.

Leicester Hearts for Heat holding raffle

LEICESTER — Hearts for Heat is a community-based organization raising funds to assist local residents who are experiencing financial hardships in meeting home heating needs. It is focused on helping residents of the community keep warm through the winter months.

Hearts for Heat strives to raise funds through private and corporate contributions and fundraising efforts to provide heat to qualified applicants.

Hearts for Heat's current fundraiser is selling raffle tickets for the following prizes:
• First prize: 150 gallons of oil, donated by Pioneer Oil and the Committee to Elect Doug Belanger.
• Second prize: Three-day, two-night weekend at an Innseason Resort. There are seven New England locations, two in Maine, two in New Hampshire and three on Cape Cod.
• Third prize: $25 gift card to the Castle Restaurant, donated by the Nicas family.
• Fourth prize: Queen size afghan, donated by Pauline Joseph.
• Fifth prize: Twin size afghan, donated by Pauline Joseph.

Tickets are available from Deborah Antanavica, Cheryl Cooney, Diane Desaulnier, Sue Mercer and Lois Dorr- Wicklund.

Applications for assistance are available at heartsforheat.org under the Leicester heading.

Donations may be sent to Hearts for Heat, c/o Deborah Antanavica, 325 Auburn St., Cherry Valley, MA 01611.

Food for thought at Spencer's library

SPENCER — In the spirit of the season, the Richard Sugden Library, 8 Pleasant St. (Route 31), is encouraging patrons to drop off non-perishable food items along with their books. The donations will be delivered to Mary, Queen of the Rosary Food Pantry, which serves the needs of the community.

NB Decorates holds annual fundraiser

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The North Brookfield Decorate Our Town Committee will be conducting its only fundraiser, a calendar raffle, during the months of November and December, with a weekly drawing for the winners in the month of January.

For $10 per calendar, people have an opportunity to win 31 times. Winners' names are placed back in the "container" for the following weekly drawing, so that they can be a winner more than once. The winnings are $25, $50, $100 or $200.

Calendars may be bought at The News Room, the Board of Selectmen's office at the Town Offices, 215 North Main St., the Haston Free Public Library, Algoo's Liquors, Hart's Pub or the North Brookfield Senior Center, or by calling Ray at (508) 637-1345.

TVES to help local seniors and pets

DUDLEY — For the 14th year, Tri-Valley is reaching out to help the neediest and most frail seniors through its winter food project. Non-perishable meals are packaged and delivered to elder clients identified with a serious need.

"Our Winter Food Project deliveries will ensure that clients struggling to heat their homes and pay for prescriptions, rent, and other necessities will have food during the coldest and most difficult times of the year," said Executive Director Marilyn Travinski.

About 5,900 non-perishable meals are being packaged and delivered. Elder clients identified with serious needs will receive enough food for the entire month of January and then some. Since the project's inception, it is estimated that more than 100,550 meals have been provided. The project's success relies on the generous support from area businesses and individuals. Every dollar donated helps procure food through cooperating grocery stores.

This year, the project was enhanced with the addition of an Emergency Pet Food Fund. The fund was started by a handful of Tri-Valley employees and their individual donations.

"Many people will often feed their pet before themselves, so we hope to alleviate some stress this holiday season by providing a week's worth of food," said Community Support Services Director Jayne Cacciapuoti, who supports the project.

Plans to continue the project throughout the year will rely on individual donations from employees, as well as community support.

Donations may be made by checks payable to Tri-Valley, Inc., and mailed to Tri-Valley – Emergency Food Project or Emergency Pet Food Fund, 10 Mill St., Dudley, MA 01571.

Tri-Valley, Inc. is a private, nonprofit agency providing in-home and community-based services in 25 towns located in south central Massachusetts. The agency receives funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and from the Federal government, under the Older American's Act, processed through the Central Mass Agency on Aging.

For information about this project or services for seniors, call Tri-Valley's free HELPLINE at (800) 286-6640.

Spencerites raise $$ for Jimmy Fund

SPENCER — The Pan-Massachusetts Challenge (PMC) raised a record-breaking $35 million for cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through its August cycling event $2 million more than the organization raised last year. The total sum is more than twice the amount ever raised for charity by any other athletic fundraising event. It is the single largest contribution made to the Jimmy Fund.

Five PMC cyclists who reside in Spencer raised $16,708 of the $35 million.

The contribution represents 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar, a charity pass through rate nearly unparalleled within the $1.64 billion athletic fundraising event industry. Since its 1980 inception, the PMC has raised nearly $240 million for the Jimmy Fund.

"That the PMC exceeded its fundraising goal in this very troubled economy is a tribute to PMCers' commitment to raising money for cancer research and care," said Billy Starr, PMC founder and executive director. "It also shows that the importance of public and corporate funding for cancer research is widely understood."

In 2008, the PMC attracted 5,232 cycling fundraisers, about 300 more than last year. Riders came to Massachusetts from 36 states and eight countries. Each cyclist was required to raise between $1,300 and $4,000 to participate, depending on the chosen route. More than 90 percent of PMCers raised more money than they were required to, according to Starr.

"Almost one-third of the pack raised twice as much, which is a testament to the PMC's fundraising culture," Starr said.

Founded in 1980 when 36 cyclists rode across Massachusetts and raised $10,200 for the Jimmy Fund, the PMC is known today as the "gold standard" of athletic fundraising events, due to the unprecedented sums it raises and its consistently efficient charity pass-through rate.

The PMC was among the very first athletic fundraising events in the nation, and it was a pioneer in the way it focused on raising money for charity. While a handful of walks and rides were held to raise awareness about a cause, the PMC put fundraising first and continues to do so. Registrants must back their applications with credit cards to ensure their contribution commitments are met, whether they ride or not. The fundraising minimum increases considerably each year, yet the ride's most sought-after routes "sell out" by the first week in February, just weeks after registration opens.

This is the second straight year the PMC has been able to contribute 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar to the cause. Presenting sponsors, the Boston Red Sox Foundation and Overstock.com, along with 200 other corporate sponsors, underwrite the cost of producing the event and provide in-kind contributions of goods and services. In addition, 2,800 volunteers work throughout the year and during PMC weekend, fulfilling many roles that are typically paid positions.

The 30th annual PMC is set for Aug. 1-2. Registration opens online on Jan. 12 for alumni and Jan. 20 for newcomers. For more information about the Pan-Mass Challenge, visit www.pmc.org.

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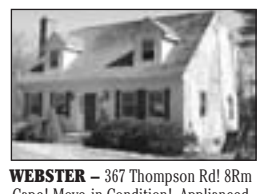
WEBSTER – 13 Highcrest Park! 5Rm Townhouse! Move Right In! Fully Applianced Kit! Spacious Liv Rm! 2 Huge Bdrms! 1.5 tile Baths! Ample Closet Space Throughout! Recent Carpet & Paint! Central Air! Priced to Sell! **$144,900.00**

DUDLEY – 160 Dudley Oxford Rd! 8Rm Cape! New Paint! New Carpets! Fireplace! Hrdwds! 4Bdrms! 2.5Baths! Mstr Bath w/Marble Tile! FamRm! 2Tier Deck! 2Car Gar! .82 Acre! Below Assessment! **$244,900.00**

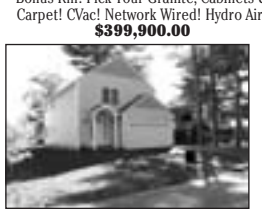
DUDLEY – Best "New" Value 65 Eagle Dr! 2,698'! 9Rms! Entry Foyer! Custom Granite Kit! 3/4 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Office (4th Bdrm)! 20x20 Fam Rm! All Hrdwds & Tile Flooring! C/Air! 2Car Garage! 3/4Acre! 2x6Construction! **$389,900.00**

DUDLEY – 221 W. Main St! Conveniently Located 6 Rm Cape/Ideal Business Location! 23,500' Lot! Liv Rm w/Carpet over Hrdwds! 1st Flr Master & Den w/Hrdwds! 2 Second Flr Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Porch! Garage w/Storage! 3 Yr Old Roof & Vinyl Siding! **$189,900.00**


WEBSTER – 367 Thompson Rd! 8Rm Cape! Move-in Condition! Applianced Kit w/Wood Flr! DinRm w/Hrdwds! Frplcd LivRm! 4Bdrms! 2Baths! Super LL FamRm - Walk-out to 16x24 Deck! 3Z Oil! 1/2 Acre! Below Assessment! **$244,900.00**

WEBSTER – 46 Upland Ave! Well Maintained Ranch Style Duplex! 5/4 Rms! 3/2 Bdrms! 1.5/1 Baths! Convenient! Replacement Windows! Hardwoods! New Roof! Recent Boilers! Circuit Breakers! Full Basement! 2 Car Garage! **$199,000.00**

WEBSTER – 36 Wakefield Ave! 6+ Rm Split! 3 Bdrms! Applianced Kit & Din Rm w/Ceramic! Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Yr Rd Sunroom w/Cathedrals! Full Bath! 17,108' Lot! Nearby Beach! **$199,900.00**


WEBSTER – 4 Kenneth Ave! Brand New 6Rm Colonial! Quiet Cul-de-Sac! 3Bdrms - Master w/Master Bath! 2.5 Baths Total! Pick Your Carpeting & Counters! Deck! Oil Heat! Town Services! And More! **$249,900.00**

WEBSTER – 9 Sears Ave! Well Maintained 6Rm Split! Applianced Kit w/Breakfast Bar! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! Spacious Liv Rm! 3 Bdrms! Lower Level Ideal to Finish! Newer Roof! 2 Car Garage! Huge AG Pool! Corner Lot! **$229,900.00**

WEBSTER – 126 Thompson Rd! Ideal Home/Professional Building/Business - Residence Combo! 11Rm Expanded Cape! Frplcd! 1st Flr Master/Bath! 2Rm Bdrm Suite/Studio! 50X50 Steel Building w/12X50 3Rm Office Space w/1/2 Bath, 3 Doors - 6 Vehicles - Storage! 16X32 Pool! Live & Work from this Great Location! **$489,900.00**

THOMPSON – 15 Rachel Dr! Updated 7 Rm Ranch! Cabinet Packed Kit! Din Area w/Sliders to Mahogany Deck! 3 Bdrms! Wood Trim Throughout! Replacement Windows! Partially Finished Lower Level w/Wood Stove & Brick Hearth! Shed! Garage! **$194,900.00**

WEBSTER – 49 Lake Parkway! Super Convenient! Huge 60' 7Rm Ranch! Cabinet Packed Kit! Frplcd LivRm! Family Rm! 3Bdrms w/Hardwood Floors! Tile Bath! Half Acre Corner Lot! Interior Cosmetics Needed! Garage! **$209,900.00**

WEBSTER – 121 Thompson Road! Custom 2004! "L" Shaped Colonial! Ideal Place to Live and Work From! 7 Rms! Super Kit! 3 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! Walk-out Lower Level! C/Air! Porch! Patio! Deck! Turn-around Drive! Walk to Webster Lake! **$319,900.00**

WEBSTER – 353 School Street! 2 Family Ready to Move In! Pick Your Apartment - Choose Your Tenant! Identical Flr Plan w/ Bonus Rm on 2nd Flr! Pantry Kitchens, Formal Din Rms, 24' Liv Rms, 3/3 Bdrms! Recent Heat & Roof! 3 Stall Garage! Off Street Parking, Handicap Ramp! **$199,900.00**

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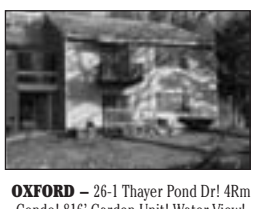
DUDLEY – 26 West Main St! Ideal Professional Building! Parking to the Rear! Suitable for a Number of Opportunities! Updated Colonial! High Traffic Count! Excellent Visibility! **$199,900.00**

DUDLEY – 109 W. Main St! Stately Brick Colonial! Multi Use! 13 Rms! Single Fam w/Inlaw Apart / Super 2 Family! Business Zoned! Live & Work From Here! Park Like Grounds! 6/7 Rms! 2/4 Bdrms! 2 Frplcd Liv Rms! 3 Baths! Brand New Furnace! Check It Out!!! **$369,900.00**

DUDLEY – 14 Edward Rd! 8+ Rm Colonial! 1/2 Acre Corner Lot! Fully Applianced! Din Rm w/Chair Rail! Fam Rm! 1st Flr Laundry! 15x15' Master Bdrm w/Full Bath! 2.5 Baths Total! 3/4 Bdrms! 2 Car Garage w/Openers! Neighborhood Setting! **$289,900.00**

WOODSTOCK - 1979 Route 198! 8Rm Cape! Private/Wooded 3.26 Acres! 3 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! 2-Car Garage! Sunroom! Deck! Needs TLC! Conveniently Near Southbridge Line, I-84, Rte 20 & MA Pike! **$229,900.00**


OXFORD – 26-1 Thayer Pond Dr! 4Rm Condo! 816' Garden Unit! Water View! Recently Remodeled! Applianced! Marble Tile Bath! 1 Bedroom! Central Air! Pool! Move-in Condition! **$129,900.00**

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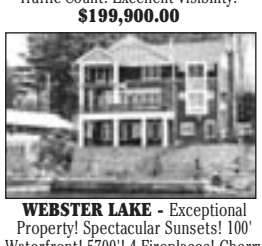
WEBSTER LAKE – Middle Pond Waterfront Lot! One of the Absolute Best Shorelines on the Lake! Perfectly Level! Sandy Beach! Western Exposure Across the Widest Expanse of the Lake with Sunsets to Die For! 10,183'! Town Services! **$325,000.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – South Pond! 80' Waterfront! Perfect 8Rm Custom Colonial! Panoramic Views! Granite Kit! Formal Dining! Frplcd Liv Rm! Master Bdrm/Bath w/Lake Views! Family Rm! 3 Bdrms! 3.5 Baths! Hrdwds! Cathedrals! 2 Car Garage! **$749,900**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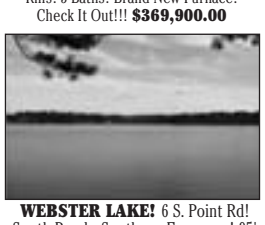
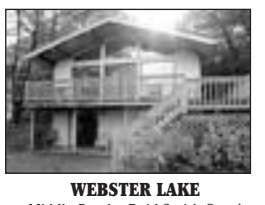

WEBSTER LAKE! 6 S. Point Rd! South Pond - Southern Exposure! 95' Waterfront! Ideal Summer or Yr Round Use! 9,823' Lot! Liv Rm w/Lake Views! Open Flr Plan! 2 Bdrms! Full Walk-out Lower Level - Finish for More Rms! Priced Below Assessed Value! **$398,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – Middle Pond! Prime Southwestern Exposure – Spectacular Sunsets! 80' Waterfront! Level 31,005'Lot! 7Rms! 2 Complete Kitchens! 3Bdrms! 3 Baths! Sandy Beach! Garage! **$698,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – Waterfront Lot! Build Your Waterfront Vacation Home on this South Facing "South Pond" Piece of Paradise! 5,486'! Ideal "Solar" Setting! Tired of Cooking, Having Company, Walk to Point Breeze Restaurant! **$239,900.00**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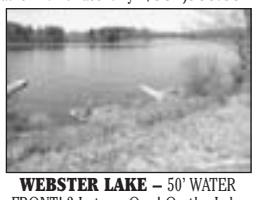
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WEBSTER LAKE - Killdeer Island - 7 Rm Colonial w/Character & Charm! Ideal 2nd Home or Enjoy Year Rd! Fireplaced! Hardwoods! 2/3 Bdrms! 2 Baths! Enjoy Nearby Indian Ranch! Ever Changing Water Views! **$409,900.00** Additional Adjacent Buildable Waterfront Lot! **$219,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - Spectacular Views Across Middle Pond! 85' Waterfront! Huge 20,202' Lot! 11 Rms! 3 Lake Facing Bdrms! 4/5 Bdrms! Master Bath! 3.5 Baths! 2 Frplcs! In-law Apartment! 2 - 1st Flr "Offices"! C/Air! And More! **$749,900.00**

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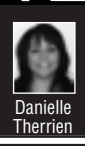
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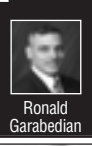
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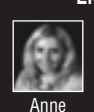
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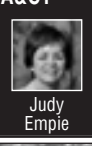
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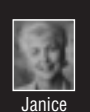
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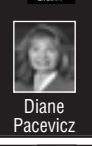
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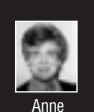
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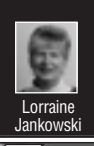
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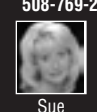
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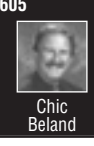
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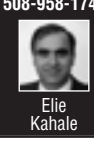
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AUBURN: Totally Renovated 3 BR, 2 BA ranch. Finished LL! A gorgeous house! Located near I-290 and Mass Pike. A must see! **$269,900**

SOUTHBRIDGE: Lovely Contemporary Colonial in country setting! Applcd. Cherry cabineted kitch. Sunken LR w/cathdrls. Huge Deck w/view! Pool! **$289,900**

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WEBSTER-Very nice vinyl-sided 2 family w/2 br's each fl. Fully applc'd, 1st fl new kitchen w/center isle and brkfst area. Adorable! Off st parking..2 driveways. **Reduced! $189,900**

OXFORD: Reduced! Nice 3BR, 1.5 bath end unit townhouse w/full basement, small 5 unit complex, small pets welcome. **Just Reduced! $147,000**

AUBURN: Pristine 2 BR, 1.5 ba, Condo in Pond View Complex. 15' LL family room, designated parking for 2 vehicles! **REDUCED! $168,500**

AUBURN-REDUCED!-6 Rm, 3 BR 2 ba w/2 fireplaces! Finished LL for family room or in-laws! 1 acre lot on cul-de-sac! **$269,900**

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CHARLTON-Lovely 4 BR, 2 Ba Cape on 1.8 acres! New windows/roof, finished L.L. 4+ Garages! **$310,000**

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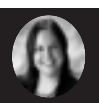
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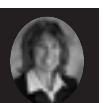
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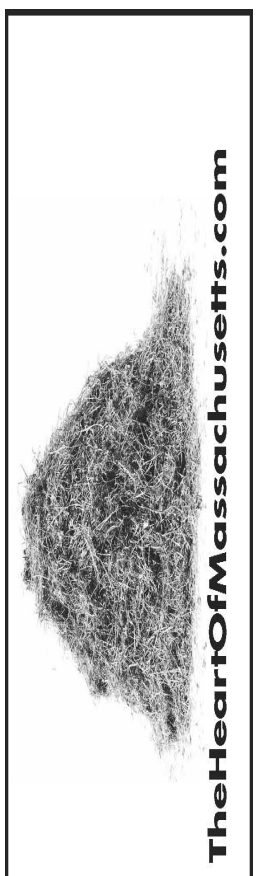

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R/E Tax $2179 Park Avenue $259,900

WEBSTER -- Big, solid three-family on 1/3 acre -- 3-3-3 -- living room -- formal dining -- big, eat-in kitchen -- hardwood floors -- storage areas -- detached 2-car garage -- handicap ramp -- vinyl siding -- recent roof -- some updates needed -- family-owned since 1924.
R/E Tax $2320.28 $204,900

WEBSTER – Lovely center hall, hip roof colonial – eat-in kitchen – formal dining room – front-to-back fireplaced living room – spacious screened porch – hardwoods – garage – convenient to highways, shopping, schools.
R/E Tax $2048 $259,900

WEBSTER – 2268 sq. ft. Raised Ranch in very good neighborhood -- cabinet kitchen -- dining area w/sliders to deck -- living room -- three bedrooms -- ceramic bath -- lower level family room -- hardwoods -- replacement windows -- vinyl siding -- garage.
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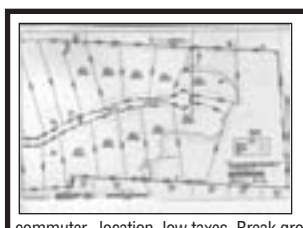

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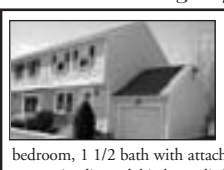

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Webster,
Single Family Ranch
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Spencer - $475,000
Stiles waterfront. Enjoy year round activity on full recreational lake. Updated heating system, all new windows and storm doors, recent roof. New Title V septic system.Cabinet packed kitchen opens into fireplaced family room. Living room with fireplace with slider to deck. Lot size includes 2 lots across the street that has the well on

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
WORCESTER Division
Docket No. 08P3538EP1
In the Estate of
ROBERT E COURNOYER
Late of E BROOKFIELD
In the County of WORCESTER
Date of Death March 20, 2008
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that EDWARD COURNOYER of E BROOKFIELD in the County of WORCESTER or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT WORCESTER ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **DECEMBER 30, 2008.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DENISE MEAGHER, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at WORCESTER this day, December 3, 2008.

Stephen G. Abraham
Register of Probate

December 19, 2008

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Diana L. Brown to Spencer Savings Bank, dated September 7, 2005, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 37263 Page 243, of which mortgage the undersigned are present holders, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the 30th day of December, 2008, on the premises described in said real estate mortgage, to wit: 301 Podunk Road, East Brookfield, Massachusetts

The land, with buildings thereon, in East Brookfield, Worcester County, Massachusetts being three parcels of land on the easterly side of Sturbridge Road, described as follows:

PARCEL #1

BEGINNING at the Northeast corner of land of the grantees, said point being 200.0 feet East of the East side line of Sturbridge Road;

THENCE S. 89° 07' 15" E. for a distance of 50.00 feet to a drill hole;

THENCE S. 9° 40' 05" E. along land of the grantors for a distance of 442.78 feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of Terry;

THENCE N. 89° 07' 15" W. along a stone wall and land of said Terry for a distance of 50.0 feet to a point at the Southeast corner of land of the grantees;

THENCE N. 9° 40' 50" W. along land of the grantees for a distance of 442.78 feet to the point of beginning.

SAID parcel contains 0.51 acres of land.

PARCEL #2

The land located on the southeasterly side of Sturbridge Road a/k/a Podunk Road in East Brookfield, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being shown as "Land of Arthur & Marion Cournoyer, to be conveyed to Milton E. & Irene Stockman. Parcel #2 Area = 1.22 Acres" on a "Plan of Land of Arthur & Marion Cournoyer in E. Brookfield to be conveyed to M.E. & I. Stocknan" by Commonwealth Survey Corp., which is dated February 11, 1972 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 375, Plan 56, and further bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin located on the southeasterly side of said Sturbridge Road a/k/a Podunk Road, at the southwesterly corner of said parcel, and at the northwesterly parcel of other land now or formerly of Milton E. & Irene Stockman;

THENCE S. 89° 7' 15" E. along land now or formerly of Stocknan, 260,00 feet to a drill hole;

THENCE N. 33° 27' 10" E. along land now or formerly of Cournoyer, 164.10 feet to an iron pin;

THENCE N. 62° 15' 00" W. along land now or formerly of Cournoyer, 250.00 feet to a drill hole in a stone wall;

THENCE S. 27° 45' 00" W. along a stone wall and along the southeasterly side of said Sturbridge Road a/k/a Podunk Road, 275.00 feet to the point of beginning.

CONTAINING an area of 1.22 acres.

PARCEL #3

The land, with the buildings thereon, located on the easterly side of Sturbridge Road in East Brookfield, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being shown as land of "Milton E. & Irene Stockman" by Commonwealth Survey Corp., dated February 11, 1972, recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 375, Plan 56, and further bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin located an the easterly side of Sturbridge Road, at the northwesterly corner of said parcel, and at the southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Arthur & Marion Cournoyer, currently of Grantor;

THENCE S. 89° 07' 15" E. along said land now or formerly of said Arthur & Marion Cournoyer, currently of Grantor, 200.00 feet to a point;

THENCE S. 9° 40' 05" E. along Parcel #1 as shown on said Plan, 442.78 feet to a point on a stone wall;

THENCE N. 89° 07' 15" W. partially along a stone wall and along land now or formerly of Terry, 258.61 feet to an iron pin located on the as easterly side of said Sturbridge Road;

THENCE N. 6° 25' 50" W., initially, and continuing along the easterly side of said Sturbridge Road on a curve having a radius of 475.25 feet, a distance of 437.00 feet, more or less, to the iron pin at the point of beginning.

CONTAINING about two (2) acres, more or less.

BEING shown as three parcels of land entitled "Parcel # 1 Area = 0.51 Acres", "Parcel #2 Area=1.22 Acres, and "Milton E. & Irene Stockman" on a "Plan of Land of Arthur & Marion Cournoyer in E. Brookfield, to be conveyed to M.B. & I. Stockman." By Commonwealth Survey Corp., which is dated February 11, 1972 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 375, Plan 56.

EXCEPTING from the above the following parcels that have partially released from said mortgage:

1) Lot 1 as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in East Brookfield, MA for Owner Diana L. Brown" dated April 18, 2006, said plan being recorded with Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 847, Plan 104. (See partial release recorded in Worcester Registry of Deeds Book 40048, Page 350, on October 27, 2006.)

2) Lot 3 as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in East Brookfield, MA for Owner Diana L. Brown" dated April 18, 2006, said plan being recorded with Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 847, Plan 104. (See partial release recorded in Worcester Registry of Deeds Book 41007, Page 382, on April 18, 2007.)

3) Parcel A as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in East Brookfield, MA for Owners Michael Richards and Diana L. Brown" dated July 23, 2007, said plan recorded with Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 862, Plan 100. (See partial release recorded in Worcester Registry of Deeds Book 42378, Page 278, on February 4, 2008.)

The resulting parcel contains approx. 1.90 acres of land, more or less, now shown as Lot 2A on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in East Brookfield, MA for Owners Michael Richards and Diana L. Brown" dated July 23, 2007, said plan recorded with Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 862, Plan 100.

These premises are being sold subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes, water rates, municipal charges and assessments, condominium charges, expenses, costs and assessments, if applicable, federal tax liens, partition wall rights, statutes, regulations, zoning, subdivision control, or other municipal ordinances or bylaws respecting land use, configuration, building or approval, or bylaws, statutes or ordinances regarding the presence of lead paint, asbestos or other toxic substances, sanitary codes, housing codes, tenancy and, to the extent that they are recorded prior to the above mortgage, any easements, right-of-way, restrictions, confirmation or other matters of record.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand ($5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at the Law Offices of Meloche and Meloche, 188 Main Street, Spencer, Massachusetts 01562, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price.

The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Spencer Savings Bank
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
Meloche & Meloche Law Office
Michael C. Meloche
188 Main Street
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December 5, 2008
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WORCESTER Division
Docket No. 08P3606EP1
In the Estate of
ELEANOR M MEANY
Late of SPENCER
In the County of WORCESTER
Date of Death November 10, 2008
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that WILLIAM J MADDEN of LAKE WYLIE in the State of SOUTH CAROLINA or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT WORCESTER ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 6, 2009.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DENISE MEAGHER, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at WORCESTER this day, December 10, 2008.

Stephen G. Abraham
Register of Probate

December 19, 2008

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Frank LaViolette and Priscilla H. LaViolette to Spencer Savings Bank, dated October 25, 2004, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 34912, Page 320, of which mortgage the undersigned are present holders, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 o'clock Noon on the 30th day of December, 2008, on the premises described in said real estate mortgage, to wit: 29 Kittredge Road, being Lot 3 on Plan Book 676, Plan 79 and 25 Kittredge Road, being Lot 5 on Plan Book 676, Plan 77

The land, with buildings thereon, in Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being parcels of land on Kittredge Road, described as follows:

PARCEL 1:

A certain parcel of land situated on the southerly side of Kittredge Road, in Spencer, MA and being shown as Lot #3 on a plan of land surveyed for Lussier Builders dated October 13, 1993 by Donald A. Para, R.L.S. and being recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 676, Plan 79.

BEGINNING at a point at the northwesterly corner of lot to be described on the southerly side of Kittredge Road and at the northeasterly corner of Lot #2;

THENCE N. 86° 14' 06" E., partly along a stone wall on the southerly side of Kittredge Road and at the northeasterly corner of Lot #2;

THENCE N. 84° 34' 28" E., along the southerly side of Kittredge Road, 72.70 feet to a point;

THENCE S. 3° 27' 24" W., along lot #4, 393.13 feet to a drill hole;

THENCE N. 87° 03' 32" W., along land now or formerly owned by George A. and Jean C. Jettee, 206.86 feet to a point;

THENCE N. 4° 59' 33" E., along Lot #2, 367.90 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing an area of 76,825 square feet.

PARCEL 2:

A certain parcel of land situated on the southerly side of Kittredge Road in Spencer, MA and being shown as Lot 5 on a plan of land surveyed for George Lussier dated May 2, 1989 by Donald A. Para, R.L.S. and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 676, Plan 77.

BEGINNING at a point at the northwesterly corner of lot to be described, in a stone wall in the southerly side of Kittredge Road and at the northeasterly corner of Lot 4, which is shown on a plan surveyed for Elmcrest Farms Estates dated April 11, 1988 and being recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 676, Plan 79;

THENCE N. 84° 34' 28" E., along the southerly side of Kittredge Road, 13.90 feet to a point;

THENCE running easterly one the southerly side of Kittredge Road on a curve to the right having a radius of 502.65 feet and a length of 186.10 feet to a point at the northwesterly corner of Lot 6 shown on said plan of Elmcrest Farm Estates;

THENCE S. 2° 58' 52" W., along Lot 4, 415.55 feet to a drill hole in a stone wall;

THENCE N. 87° 15' 55" W., along a stone wall and land of George A. and Jean C. Jettee, 200.00 feet to a drill hole;

THENCE N. 3° 09' 50" E., along Lot 3, 421.48 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing an area of 84,721 square feet or 1.945 acres.

PARCEL 3:

A certain parcel of land situated on the southerly side of Kittredge Road at the intersection with Northwest Road, in Spencer, Ma and being shown as Lot #17 on a plan of land surveyed for Lussier Builders dated October 13, 1993 by Donald A. Para, R.L.S. and being recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 676, Plan 78.

BEGINNING at a point at the northeasterly corner of lot to be described on the southerly side of Kittredge Road at the intersection with Northwest Road, also being the northwesterly corner of Lot #18;

THENCE S. 14° 05' 31" W., along Lot #18, 531.65 feet to a point;

THENCE S. 49° 52' 21" W.' along Lot #18 and Lot #19, 682.05 feet to a point in the stone wall at land of Adams;

THENCE N. 2° 47' 16" W., along Lot #13, 128.13 feet to a point;

THENCE N. 50° 14' 41" E., along Lot #14R and Lot #16R, 500.25 feet to a point;

THENCE N. 32° 32' 02" E., along Lot #16R, 118.88 feet to a point;

THENCE N. 0° 21' 43" E., along Lot #16R, 344.97 feet to a point on the southerly side of Kittredge Road;

THENCE N. 73° 15' 00" E., along a stone wall and the southerly side of Kittredge Road, 215.64 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing an area of 2.977 acres.

EXCEPTING from the above the following parcel that was conveyed, prior to the recording of said mortgage, in a deed from Priscilla H. Lussier to Matthew R. Soter and Mary Kate Reidy, dated November 4, 1996, and recorded in Worcester Registry of Deeds Book 18388, Page 281;

A certain parcel of land situated on the southerly side of Kittredge Road at the intersection with Northwest Road, in Spencer, Ma and being shown as Lot #17 on a plan of land surveyed for Lussier Builders dated October 13, 1993 by Donald A. Para, R.L.S. and being recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 676, Plan 78.

BEGINNING at a point at the northeasterly corner of lot to be described on the southerly side of Kittredge Road at the intersection with Northwest Road, also being the northwesterly corner of Lot #18;

THENCE S. 14° 05' 31" W., along Lot #18, 531.65 feet to a point;

THENCE S. 49° 52' 21" W.' along Lot #18 and Lot #19, 682.05 feet to a point in the stone wall at land of Adams;

THENCE N. 2° 47' 16" W., along Lot #13, 128.13 feet to a point;

THENCE N. 50° 14' 41" E., along Lot #14R and Lot #16R, 500.25 feet to a point;

THENCE N. 32° 32' 02" E., along Lot #16R, 118.88 feet to a point;

THENCE N. 0° 21' 43" E., along Lot #16R, 344.97 feet to a point on the southerly side of Kittredge Road;

THENCE N. 73° 15' 00" E., along a stone wall and the southerly side of Kittredge Road, 215.64 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing an area of 2.977 acres.

These premises are being sold subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes, water rates, municipal charges and assessments, condominium charges, expenses, costs and assessments, if applicable, federal tax liens, partition wall rights, statutes, regulations, zoning, subdivision control, or other municipal ordinances or bylaws respecting land use, configuration, building or approval, or bylaws, statutes or ordinances regarding the presence of lead paint, asbestos or other toxic substances, sanitary codes, housing codes, tenancy and, to the extent that they are recorded prior to the above mortgage, any easements, right-of-way, restrictions, confirmation or other matters of record.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand ($5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at the Law Offices of Meloche and Meloche, 188 Main Street, Spencer, Massachusetts 01562, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price.

The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Spencer Savings Bank
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
Meloche & Meloche Law Office
Michael C. Meloche
188 Main Street
Spencer, MA 01562
508-885-4405

December 5, 2008
December 12, 2008
December 19, 2008

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
DATED: DECEMBER 8, 2008

By virtue and in execution of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Peter W. Heyes, of Brookfield, in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the Southbridge Savings Bank, dated December 28, 2001 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 25629, Page 125, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at public auction, on the premises described in said mortgage, and known as 144 Town Farm Road, in Brookfield, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on Thursday, the 8th day of January, 2009, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, all and singular, the premises conveyed by said mortgage, and therein described as follows:

The land in Brookfield, County of Worcester, bounded and described as follows:

Shown as Lot number fifteen A (15A) on a plan entitled "Plan of Lots in Brookfield, owned by Nadeau Realty, Inc." dated September 4, 1984 and recorded by the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 524, Plan 107.

BEGINNING at an iron pipe on the easterly line of Town Farm Road, which is the southwest corner of said lot;

THENCE N. 18 deg. 54' 15" E. 270.55 feet along the line of Town Farm Road to an iron pipe;

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LEGALS

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THENCE N. 26 deg. 11' 12" E. 210.94 feet along the line of Town Farm Road to an iron pipe;
THENCE S. 46 deg. 34' 15" E. 217.18 feet to an iron pipe;
THENCE S. 33 deg. 11' 36" W. 385.96 feet to an iron pipe;
THENCE N. 77 deg. 59' 40" W. 130.00 feet to an iron pipe on the line of Town Farm Road and the place beginning.
CONTAINING 1.736 acres.
SUBJECT to restrictions of record, if in force and applicable.
BEING the same premises conveyed to me by deed of Paul A. Jusko and Susan M. Jusko, dated April 29, 1997 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 18815, Page 266.
The above-described premises will be sold subject to all municipal taxes and other municipal assessments, rights or easements.
A Five Thousand ($5,000.00) Dollar nonrefundable deposit will be required to be paid by certified check or in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale and the balance upon delivery of Deed within forty-five (45) days of said sale at the office of Montague & Desautels, 334 Main Street, Southbridge, Massachusetts, 01550.
Other terms and conditions to be announced at the sale.

SOUTHBRIDGE SAVINGS BANK

By: s/Philip Pettinelli
Philip Pettinelli, President
Present holder of said mortgage
Montague & Desautels
Attorneys-at-Law
334 Main Street
Southbridge, MA 01550
Telephone: (508) 764-3244
Gwendolyn Glass Carbone, Auctioneer
Mass. Auctioneer's Lic. No. 1647
December 12, 2008
December 19, 2008
December 26, 2008

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
WORCESTER Division
Docket No. 08P3475FE1
In the Estate of
MURRAY HERSHMAN A/K/A
MURRAY J HERSHMAN
Late of PRESCOTT,
In the County of YAVAPAI
In the State of ARIZONA
Date of Death August 6, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR OF FOREIGN WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented with certain papers purporting to be a copy of the last will of said deceased and of the probate thereof in said State of ARIZONA duly authenticated there by, **PENNY HERSHMAN** praying that the copy of said will may be filed and recorded in the Registry of Probate of the county of WORCESTER, and that PENNY HERSHMAN of PRESCOTT in the State of ARIZONA, or some other suitable person be appointed executor thereof, to serve without surety.
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT WORCESTER ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **DECEMBER 30, 2008.**
In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.
WITNESS, HON. DENISE MEAGHER, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at WORCESTER this day, November 25, 2008.
Stephen G. Abraham
Register of Probate
December 19, 2008

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Glen N. Lavigne to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated July 15, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 36813, Page 339, of which mortgage Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on January 15, 2009, on the mortgaged premises located at 15 Irving Street, Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,
TO WIT:
The land with the buildings thereon situated in Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts on the northerly side of Irving Street (formerly Erwing Street), and bounded and described as follows:
BEGINNING at the southeast corner of the premises hereby conveyed at an iron pin in the northerly line of said Irving Street;
THENCE South 70° 30' West along said Irving Street, 165.70 feet to an iron pin in the northerly line of said Irving Street at the southeast corner of land now or formerly of Vandreuil;
THENCE North 20° 04' 25" West along said Vandreuil land, 120.68 feet to as iron pin;
THENCE North 69° 43' 05" East along the remains of an old barbed wire fence and land now or formerly of Paul F. & Nancy Lavalle, 162.11 feet to an iron pin;
THENCE South 25° 30' East along land now or formerly of Bernard Sieron 24 feet;
THENCE South 20° 50' East still by said Sieron Land, 99.0 feet to the point of beginning
Containing 20,052 square feet of land and being the same premises shown on Plan of Land drawn by Robert F. Para, Land Surveyor, dated November 29,1977, recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 455, Plan 5 and entitled 'Plan of Land in Spencer, Mass. Surveyed for Genevieve Watson and Ruth Levine.'
For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36813, Page 337.
These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.
TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of Five Thousand ($5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.
Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
200808-1519 - BLU
December 19, 2008
December 26, 2008
January 2, 2009

TOWN OF EAST BROOKFIELD
COLLECTOR OF TAXES

The owners and occupants of the following described parcels of land situated in the Town of East Brookfield in Worcester County and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and all other persons are hereby notified that the taxes thereon, severally assessed for the years hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as the Collector of Taxes for the Town of East Brookfield, by the Board of Assessors of said Town remain unpaid, and that said parcels of land will be taken for the Town of East Brookfield on January 05, 2009 at 10:00a.m. for the nonpayment of said taxes and betterments and the interest, if any, along with all legal costs and charges thereon, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

Sandra Kady
Tax Collector
Town of East Brookfield

PROPERTY LOCATION
760 PODUNK ROAD, 017.0-0189-0147.0
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KENNEDY, JOHN J. III & JUNE L.
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 200825-13
2007-08 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID
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A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT 1.01 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 017.0 LOT 0189 PLOT 0147.0 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 36352 ON PAGE 333 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER.

December 19, 2008

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
WORCESTER Division
Docket No. 08P3365AA1
In the Estate of
HENRY HENNESSY
Late of W BROOKFIELD
In the County of WORCESTER
Date of Death September 21, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE WILL ANNEXED

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that HEIDI STOLGITIS of WORCESTER in the County of WORCESTER or some other suitable person be appointed as administrator with the will annexed of said estate to serve without surety.
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT WORCESTER ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 6, 2009.**
In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.
WITNESS, HON. DENISE MEAGHER, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at WORCESTER this day, December 11, 2008.
Stephen G. Abraham
Register of Probate
December 19, 2008

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Ivan F. Martin** to Worcester County Institution for Savings, dated September 8, 1989 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 12323, Page 284 of which mortgage LaSalle bank National Association as Trustee for Certificateholders of EMC Mortgage Loan Trust 2003-A, Mortgage Loan Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-A is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **4:00 PM on December 30, 2008**, on the mortgaged premises located at **132 North Spencer Road, Spencer, MA 01562**, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:
Tract I: The land in Spencer, Massachusetts on the easterly side of North Spencer Road, being lot C-1 on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Spencer, Massachusetts, Surveyed for Ralph L. and Priscilla Pomeroy", dated September 5, 1980 by Robert F. Para, R.L.S., and Donald A. Para, L.S.I.T. No. 174, Southbridge, Massachusetts, recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 480, Plan 57, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a railroad spike set in the root of a 12-inch white oak tree, at a corner of lots C-1 and C-2 on the above said plan, said spike being in the easterly line of North Spencer Road; Thence by a curve to the left having a radius of 625 feet, 148.36 feet along the easterly line of said North Spencer Road to a point at a Worcester County Highway bound; Thence North 0 degrees 35' 53" E. along said North Spencer Road 51.64 feet to an iron pin; Thence South 89 degrees 28' 50" E., 143.50 feet along a stone wall to an iron pin at a corner of walls; Thence North 8 degrees 47' 14" E., 114.90 feet along a stone wall to an iron pin; Thence North 2 degrees 26' 38" E., 127.18 feet along a stone wall to an iron pin at a corner of walls; Thence North 87 degrees 54' 32" E., 125.61 feet along a stone wall to a drill hole; Thence North 85 degrees 41' 20" E., 91.08 feet along a stone wall to a field stone bound; Thence continuing along the course last stated, 82 feet, more or less, to a point at the shore line of the Seven Mile River; Thence southwesterly, southerly and southeasterly along the shore line of the said Seven Mile River, 660 feet, more or less, to a point on the shore line of Seven Mile River at the corner of lots C-1 and C-2 on the above referenced plan: Thence North 83 degrees 58' 56" W., 1 foot, more or less, to an iron pin set in the ground; Thence continuing along the course last stated, 173.95 feet to an iron pin; Thence North 83 degrees 25' 20" W., 252.32 feet to the point of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to the grantors by deed of Ralph L. Pomeroy et ux dated October 21, 1980 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 7091, Page 85 and 86. Tract II: The land in Spencer, Massachusetts, North Spencer Road, as set out in a plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Spencer, Mass., being conveyed to Ralph L. and Priscilla Pomeroy, Harold L. and Leslie Moulton, Robert W. and Shari Frigon", dated March 20, 1984 by Robert F. Para and Donald A. Para, Southbridge, Mass., recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 564, Plan 61, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a bound point at the northeast corner of tract herein described on the easterly side of the proposed 1982 Layout of North Spencer Road, said point being S. 89° 28' 50" E. a distance of 50.91 feet from the proposed baseline station 127+90.66 and being in the centerline of the 1929 Worcester County layout; Thence S. 0° 35' 53" W. along the centerline of the 1929 layout, a distance of 51.60 feet to a point; Thence on a curve to the right, having a radius of 600.00 feet and a length of 145.77 feet to a point; Thence N. 83° 25' 20" W. along land to be conveyed to Harold and Leslie Moulton, a distance of 38.09 feet to a point on the easterly side of the 1982 layout; Thence on a curve to the left, having a radius of 1630.00 feet and a length of 195.17 feet to a point; Thence S. 89° 28' 50" E. along said 1982 Worcester County layout a distance of 20.78 feet to the point of beginning. Containing an area of 6,270 square feet, more or less. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with Worcester (Worcester District) County Registry of Deeds in Book 12323, Page 281
These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, right of ways, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens, or encumbrances is made in the deed. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of TEN THOUSAND ($10,000.00) DOLLARS by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at **ABLITT LAW OFFICES, P.C.**, 304 Cambridge Road, Woburn, MA 01801, other terms and conditions will be provided at the place of sale. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. OTHER TERMS, IF ANY, TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE SALE.
LaSalle bank National Association as Trustee for Certificateholders of EMC Mortgage Loan Trust 2003-A, Mortgage Loan Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-A Present holder of said mortgage, By its Attorneys, **ABLITT LAW OFFICES, P.C.**, 304 Cambridge Road, Woburn, Massachusetts 01801, Telephone (781) 246-8995, Fax (781) 246-8994 Dated: 11/12/2008 (8.0216[FC#3]/Martin)(12/05/08, 12/12/08, 12/19/08)(135209)
December 5, 2008
December 12, 2008
December 19, 2008

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
WORCESTER Division
Docket No. 08P1686EP1
In the Estate of
JOHN P LOCONTO
Late of SPENCER
In the County of WORCESTER
Date of Death December 8, 2007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be a copy of the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that LOUIS M DUNDIN, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL of BOSTON in the County of SUFFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT WORCESTER ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **DECEMBER 30, 2008.**
In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.
WITNESS, HON. DENISE MEAGHER, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at WORCESTER this day, December 5, 2008.
Stephen G. Abraham
Register of Probate
December 19, 2008

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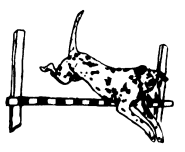

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Volkswagen CC a Great Looking Sedan with Handsome Lines – But It's Not a Coupe

BY KEITH GRIFFIN

Regardless of what car manufacturers say – and Volkswagen is not the first – a coupe has two doors and a sedan has four doors. A coupe cannot have four doors, nor can a vehicle with four doors call itself a coupe.

However, the latest trend in the "sportification" of sedans is to say they are four-door coupes. OK, that's like claiming a double quarter-pounder is healthy. It's just not so. So, c'mon VW. The 2009 Volkswagen CC is a great sedan. Let it stand on its own merits and stop calling it a coupe.

The 3.6L engine – which also incorporates variable valve timing, variable intake lengths, and direct-injection technologies for optimized power and efficiency – is mated to a six-speed automatic with Tiptronic and delivers 280-horsepower at 6200 rpm and 265 lb.-ft of torque at 2750 rpm. Zero-to-60-mph performance is estimated at 6.6-seconds; and fuel efficiency is 18-mpg in the city and 27-mpg on the highway.

However, I had so much fun pushing this engine (it has a great exhaust note) that my real world fuel economy was a bit below that. Gotta love that gas is only $1.78 at my local warehouse store! Well, to be honest, the CC does take premium gas. OK, so I love $2.06 a gallon premium gas almost as much.

The interior of the CC feels a little tight to me. It is designed for only four adults with bucket seats in the back separated by a center roll-top covered fold-down console for drinks and an emergency medical kit. (After all, what is a car without multiple cupholders?)

I first started writing about cars in 1987 and have devoured automobile magazines since I was a kid. (OK, I read Mad Magazine a lot more, but I still liked Car & Driver.) This sentence from VW, though, left me stumped: "Four ergonomically formed sport seats that are positioned to sit low offer improved lateral support to enhance the feeling of connectivity between driver, passengers and machine without sacrificing comfort." How do ergonomically formed sport seats connect the passengers and the driver and the machine? Anybody? Bueller, Bueller, Bueller?

Connectivity or not, the CC handles itself well in all situations. I never threw it through any twisty roads, but its lateral handling on the highway equaled its ability in parking lots. I'm a big fan of any car that does the highway and the grocery store with equal aplomb.

The whole parking lot experience is enhanced by the optional rear parking assistance system that displays rearview camera images. It has handy lines that display green, yellow and red to make sure the CC is on the straight and narrow. I first saw this on the Audi Q7 and it works extremely well.

The interior kind of threw me. Maybe it's a sign of impending middle age (that has probably actually arrived) but I found the steering wheel confusing with its redundant controls. The dashboard controls for the stereo, heating, and other ventilation functions were difficult to comprehend.

In the safety arena, electronic stabilization, including four-wheel anti-lock brakes with vented front and solid rear discs, anti-slip regulation and yaw control come standard. Brake assist and electronic differential locking also come standard. The addition of 4Motion all-wheel-drive on the uplevel VR6 takes vehicle dynamics to an even higher level. OK, that last sentence was straight from the VW press kit, but I can't dispute it.

The CC comes equipped with standard driver and front passenger advanced multistage front airbags; driver and front passenger side-thorax airbags; head curtain airbags (front and rear); three-point safety belts

The 2009 Volkswagen CC is a sedan that VW says is coupe-like. Don't believe it. The CC is a sporty sedan and nothing more.

front and rear; emergency locking retractors for all seating positions; optimized front head restraints; safety belt power pretensioners at the driver and front passenger positions; and safety belt load limiters for driver, front passenger and rear outboard seating positions. A rear passenger side-thorax airbag system with safety belt pretensioners is optional.

Bi-Xenon headlamps incorporated with an adaptive forward lighting system for improved visibility is standard with the 3.6-liter engine. Here's my deep dark secret. Adaptive forward lighting fascinates me. I find myself driving around corners just to watch the lights whip themselves around.

OK, so what gives me pause about the Volkswagen CC? It's expensive. The model loaned to me by VW for a week costs $42,940. My personal preference is going to be the new Acura TL or the Mazda6. They're roomier cars that don't require you plopping down into the driver's seat like the CC does.

Sure, you can get behind the wheel at $26,790, which is a little more reasonable. I haven't driven the CC with the entry-level 2.0-liter, inline four-cylinder with a turbo, but it sounds like a reasonable alternative.

(Questions and comments about this review and other automotive concerns can be e-mailed to usedcars.guide@about.com. All queries are answered.)

VITAL STATISTICS
Wheelbase: 106.7 inches
Length: 188.9 inches
Width: 73.0 inches
Height: 55.8 inches
Curb weight: 3628 lbs.
Engine: 3.6-liter V6
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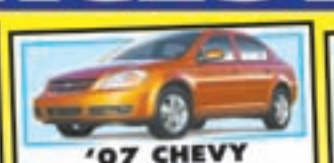

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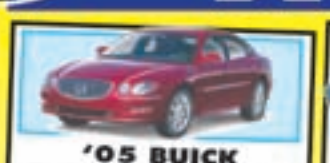

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